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President's Message

OpEd column needs your input

Bitter January wind gusts shake the windows overlooking my desk as I contemplate what to say in this column, my first as President of IOS. Sunset was several hours ago, yet our yard is bright – the snow cover contrasting with the stark, bare limbs of our deciduous trees and bushes, the conifers rendered as dark, formless shapes against the white. Sounds are magnified in the cold. My wife, Karen, and I can faintly hear our local pair of Great Horned Owls calling back and forth to each other, first the higher pitched female, then the deeper, more sonorous male voice in response. The atmosphere of the moment recalls what Poe might have been thinking when he penned those words, "It was in the bleak December," from his famous poem, "The Raven." But then I realize the owls are communicating, not about bleak winter, but rather the promise of winter's end. More to the point, they are communicating, and that's what this column is supposed to be about.

Communication is the heart of the IOS mission, through *Meadowlark* and *Wings Over the Prairie*, through our website, where we can find everything – from our field trip schedule, to Lister's Corner, to challenging bird ID quizzes – and through the conversations we have with all the members of the IOS family, whether at a board meeting, or a conversation on a field trip or IOS event, like the February Gull Frolic, where discussion, laughter and camaraderie are the order of the day. Edgar Allen would have been hard pressed to maintain his customary bleak mood while at a Frolic! Who knows, a lyrical panegyric describing the grace of a gull might have flowed from his pen were he in attendance.

So what shall I communicate first? That's easy! Thanks! First to Jenny Vogt, who served IOS so capably as President, to Geoff Williamson, our recently retired Membership Secretary, to Denis Bohm, who relinquished organizing the Gull Frolic this year after many years of service, to Sheryl Devore, who guides the Meadowlark into being four times each year, to Marj Lundy, Editor of the IOS newsletter, to Bob Hughes, website Webmaster, to Michael Retter, Field Trips Chair, to Denis Bohm and Alex Meloy who faithfully record the minutes and keep the books, to our active board: Steve Bailey, Joan Bruchman, Scott Cohrs, Jon Duerr, Brian Herriott, Marj Lundy, Jeff Walk and Barbara Williams – each of whom takes up and guides one or more IOS activities or event on behalf of you, our members.

The second idea I want to communicate: Change is coming! You'll hear more about what's on our plate as the year progresses, through the website and Wings Over The Prairie. Your Board has ambitious plans and ideas for the future direction of IOS. The first change: we're going to deep six this column, converting it to a Meadowlark OpEd page. Different IOSers will inform you of what's going on within IOS, advancing challenging ideas about the present and future direction of our community of birders. To each of you who read this column, if you have a thoughtful idea or perspective on the state of birding in Illinois, drop me a line and we'll figure out how to get that message out to the membership. Remember, communication is our raison d'etre.

Your voice and ideas are important :
Don't hesitate to speak out.

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Letter from the Editor

From the rare to the common

A decade ago, I witnessed one of the biggest Great Gray Owl invasions of my lifetime in Minnesota. Driving along curving one-lane roads, my companion, Steve Bailey, and I saw Great Grays perched perhaps every few miles, their white bibs standing out against their dark bodies in the snowy landscape.

A farmer invited us into his yard to get closer to one that was living in his field, and Steve took beautiful photos of the bird, which gave us a lasting impression of the joy we felt in experiencing such a rare occurrence.

Last winter season, we witnessed one of the biggest invasions of White-winged Crossbills right here in Illinois, and we had more Common Redpolls at our backyard bird feeders than we likely ever will have again. At one time, Steve counted more than 120 redpolls perched on thistle feeders, in the serviceberry and on the ground, voraciously snatching food for sustenance. I recorded the event with my new camera – taking one rather poor photo of a redpoll.

We saw White-winged Crossbills perched on a Douglas fir, Norway spruce and blue spruce in our yard. We observed crossbills drinking water from melting snow at St. Mary's of the Lake Seminary. We watched males and females extract seeds from cones and observed falling seed coverings that would lead us to another group of crossbills. Steve documented the types of cones the birds fed upon and watched as they moved to Norway spruces later in the season. Steve kept telling me – this may be the only time in our lives we see this magnitude of an invasion of crossbills in Illinois.

So, revel we did in this rare experience – especially Steve.

This winter season, we bemoaned the fact that crossbills, siskins and redpolls did not grace our backyard. Hopefully they have found sufficient food in their northern breeding grounds and did not need to fly south.

Still, we longed to see pink birds perched atop evergreens and feisty redpolls with their black chins shooing away the goldfinches from "their" feeders.

Winter birding this year is going to be boring compared with last year, Steve told me. I concurred.

Recently, Steve led an owl prowl at the Reed Turner Woodland. After his talk, he led us outdoors under a full moon and tried to call in an Eastern Screech-Owl. The stars were aligned that night to treat 16 observers to close looks of not one, but two screech-owls. One sat right above us giving its tremolo call on a cold, but windless evening when we again witnessed the miracle of nature. One flew in, landed, posed, then flew across the line of observers, landing for another pose. We could clearly see it was a gray phase, and no one even needed binoculars.

Screech-Owls are numerous in Illinois, Steve tells me. "They're easy to find," he says. Well, maybe for him. But that magical night gave me just as much of a thrill as seeing a White-winged Crossbill sipping snow and picking out a Hoary Redpoll amongst all the Commons at the Chicago Botanic Garden last year.

Mind you, if I had to choose, I might go with the crossbills, redpolls and Great Gray Owls. But that evening with the screech-owls was a reminder that when we pause to go beyond our daily lives and enter another dimension called birding, there's always something wondrous to see.

See you in the field.

Sheryl DeVore

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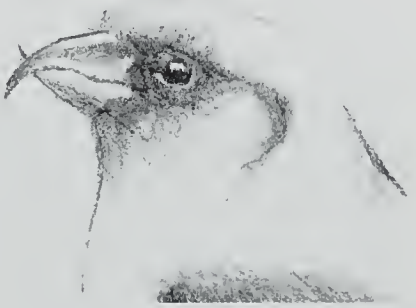
Barbara Williams drew the cover of a White-winged Crossbill, which staged an invasion in Illinois the winter season of 2008/2009. Barbara is a member of the IOS board and serves as the membership secretary.



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Winter Gull Identification Challenges at Carlyle Lake and Melvin Price Locks and Dam in Illinois

By Dan Kassebaum

Identification of the large white-headed gulls can make for exciting birding in late winter.

Given the complexity of plumages within the American Herring Gull complex (*Larus argentatus*), documenting potential vagrant gulls becomes quite a challenge.

Included here are photos of interesting gulls observed during the 2008-2009 winter season at Carlyle Lake, Clinton County and the Melvin Price Locks and Dam, Madison County. Each of the birds is unique in that the field marks suggest an identification other than American Herring Gull. As of yet, none of the records has been evaluated by the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee (IORC), and all tentative identifications are still open to further research and debate.

GULL # 1

25 January 2009, Melvin Price Locks and Dam, Madison County: In the field, this was a very clean bird with an unmarked head, which is atypical for American Herring Gull in late January. The iris was dark and the legs were straw yellow. Compared with the nearby American Herring Gulls, the bird was similar in size, but the bill seemed narrow and did not display a strong gonydeal angle. In flight, P9-P10 had large white mirrors, and the tongues extended well into the black of the primaries. These features match best with Caspian Gull (*L. cachinnans*), a species from eastern Europe and Central Asia. This represents an outlandish identification, but I'm at a loss to offer any other suggestion.

Figure 1. *Caspian Gull? Note the clean white head and underparts. Photo taken 25 January 2009 at the Melvin Price L&D, Madison County by Dan Kassebaum.*

Figure 2. *Caspian Gull? In flight, this bird displayed large white mirrors on P9 and P10 and pale tongues that extended well into the black of the outer primaries. Photo taken 25 January 2009 at the Melvin Price L&D, Madison County by Dan Kassebaum.*

GULL # 2

28 January 2009, Carlyle Lake, Clinton County. Photographed from atop the dam, this very cooperative gull circled lazily overhead to provide for an excellent set of flight shots. This was a huge gull with a very large torso and bill. The outer primaries were dark on the outer webs but pale on the inner webs. The tail, which may be the best field mark, was entirely dark without the spotting or marbling typical of an American Herring Gull. These photos were circulated among several west coast birders, which yielded comments such as "definitely not a Herring Gull" and suggested identifications of Western Gull (*L. occidentalis*) or Slaty-backed Gull (*L. schistisagus*).

Figure 3. *Western Gull? Photo taken 28 January, 2009 at Carlyle Lake, Clinton County by Dan Kassebaum.*

Figure 4. *Western Gull? Photo taken 28 January 2009 at Carlyle Lake, Clinton County by Dan Kassebaum.*

Figure 5. *Slaty-backed Gull (1st cycle)? Photo taken 16 February, 2009 at Carlyle Lake, Clinton County by Dan Kassebaum.*

GULL # 3

16 February 2009, Carlyle Lake, Clinton County. A set of rather distant photos of American Herring Gulls at roost along the rocks. One bird seemed unusual with a bulbous bill and the development of a dark mantle. Visible when its wings were stretched, the primaries were brown, not black, and the inner primaries had brown tips. In flight, this bird had wings with very low contrast that resembled that of a Thayer's Gull (*L. thayeri*). These field marks are associated with 1st cycle Slaty-backed Gull.

GULL # 4

22 February and 8 March, 2009, Carlyle Lake Clinton County. At roost with American Herring Gulls, this bird's mantle seemed a shade darker. Photos reveal an orange/pink orbital ring and bright pink feet. In flight, the string-of-pearls pattern associated with Slaty-backed Gull can be seen as well. Vega Gulls, like American Herring Gulls are quite variable, especially in regards to iris color which can range from typically dark to pale. This bird had been shot through the wing, but appeared healthy and seemingly unhampered by the injury.

Figure 6. *Vega Gull? The bird behind the dark-plumaged first-year American Herring Gull on right. Comparison with other gull species reveals the subject gull's darker mantle coloration. Photo taken 8 March 2009 at Carlyle Lake, Clinton County by Dan Kassebaum.*

Figure 7. *Vega Gull? Close bird on left in flight. Note the pale tongues extending deep into the black of the outer primaries. Photo taken 8 March 2009 at Carlyle Lake, Clinton County by Dan Kassebaum.*

Fifteenth Report of the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee

By Douglas F. Stotz

Evaluations by the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee ("IORC," or "the Committee") are reported here for a total of 36 records, including 33 accepted records of 26 species, and two unaccepted records of two species. A total of 48 observers contributed reports, including descriptions or photographs documenting the records included in this report. Included are reviewed species evaluations by the Committee from 2007 though 2009.

Format: The format of this report follows the conventions used in the first through fourteenth reports of the Committee (e. g. Goetz and Robinson 1988; Goetz 1989; Johnson, Deaton and Clyne 1998; Johnson and Stotz 1999; Stotz and Johnson 2000; Stotz 2001; Stotz and Johnson 2003, Stotz 2008). The records below are divided into two major groups: Accepted and Unaccepted. Each of these groups is then further divided into First State Records, Review List Records, and Other Records. The sequence of species conforms to that of the seventh edition of the American Ornithologists' Union's checklist, (1998) and its supplements, through the 50th (Chesser et al. 2009).

An accepted record is entered with the locality, including county, the date, and (in parentheses) the IORC record number (the first four characters of which give the year of the first observation), and the initials of the primary observer(s) who contributed specimens, descriptions, and/or photographs. Similar information is provided for unaccepted records, except the observers remain anonymous, and a brief explanation of why the record was not accepted is given. Photographic evidence is noted following a contributor's name by an asterisk (*). When the photographic evidence is known to be a videotape, a "v" is appended (*v);*p,v indicates both photographic and video evidence presented by same contributor. Many contributing photographers also submitted written descriptions—a practice the Committee encourages. Sound recordings are indicated by a + following the contributor's name. If the observer who first discovered the bird is known to the committee, their initials are set off from the initials of other contributors by a semicolon. Initial observers who did not submit documentations are not always listed. For specimen records, a sharp (#) follows an abbreviation for the institution holding the specimen, along with that institution's catalog number of the specimen if available.

Several records that were seen by several to many observers were documented by only one or two of these observers. The Committee would like to encourage all observers to document all the review list species they see. Documentation by multiple observers can provide additional evidence and support for the identity of rarities. Often records that have not been accepted suffer from incomplete information, a problem which additional documentation by other observers could help overcome.

Information on the age and sex of the birds reported may be an opinion of the person(s) submitting the evidence and is not necessarily an accepted position of the Committee. All other remarks are the author's, although most of the information comes from the Committee files which are now stored in Chicago, Illinois, in the Bird Division of the Field Museum.

In several cases there are discrepancies between the details presented here vs. other published sources, especially regarding dates of occurrence. The data in this report provide the Committee's best assessment of all available information. We have not generally commented on records that are published elsewhere with more limited data than contained here. The Committee accepts responsibility for any inaccuracies or misrepresentations of information herein. Errors that come to our attention will be published as corrigenda in a future IORC report.

Abbreviations: References to seasonal reports in the journals Illinois Birds and Birding; Meadowlark, A Journal of Illinois Birds; American Birds and North American Birds are abbreviated by IBB, MJIB, AB, and NAB, respectively, followed by volume and page numbers. Months are abbreviated by their first three letters.

"Northern", "central", and "southern Illinois" refer to specific subsections of the state as first defined by Gault (1922); see also Bohlen (1978). The terms "region" and "regional" apply to the Middlewestern Prairie Region as used in NAB and include Illinois as well as Iowa, Missouri, Indiana, and most of Ohio and Kentucky.

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Review List: The Review List includes species for which the committee will review all records or all records outside of some determined range within the state. These are species that, in general, average two or fewer records per year in the state, or which are extremely rare in all but a few counties in the state. The current review list was approved at the 21 September 2008 committee meeting. IORC requests and welcomes evidence concerning all records for the review species listed on the review list on the IOS/IORC website: www.illinoisbirds.org/iorc.html.

In addition, any species not listed in the checklist of Illinois state birds (IORC 1999) should be documented. Documentation of regular species may be appropriate when they occur out of season–i.e., exceptionally early arrival dates or late departure dates for migratory species. All first state nesting records should also be documented. Exceptionally high counts of species may also merit documentation. These documentations of non-review list species should generally be sent to the seasonal editor of the Field Notes in the Meadowlark. Both the Christmas Bird Count and Spring Bird Count require documentation of a greater range of species. Such documentations should be sent to the appropriate compiler. Some records from each of these long-term projects are reviewed by IORC, and the documentations supporting observations of rare birds on them are largely stored at the Field Museum with the other IORC archives.

Acknowledgements. This report is made possible by the thoughtful, careful and timely review by all committee members both past and current, and by the support of Illinois birders and institutions which contributed evidence of Illinois birds by specimens, documentations, photographs, and/or videotapes. Thanks to the committee members who reviewed these records for intelligent, thoughtful reviews. These committee members were Bob Hughes, Dave Johnson, Dan Kassebaum, Travis Mahan, Paul Sweet, and Mike Ward. The author served as committee secretary. Dave Johnson stepped down from the committee after the meeting of 7 June 2009 following many years of service as a member and secretary of the committee. His tireless commitment to IORC is gratefully acknowledged.

ACCEPTED RECORDS

New State Records

(four records of two species)

This photo was published in Meadowlark: Vol 18, No. 2 and credited to the incorrect photographer. The photo was taken by Jed Hertz, who discovered the Mountain Plover in a sod farm at Momence, Kankakee County, and documented the first state record of this species.

Mountain Plover (*Charadrius montanus*) One photographed in sod farm at Momence, Kankakee Co. on 13 to 18 Sep (2008.026; JBH*; GN). This bird was found on the 13th. Numerous observers looked for the bird on the 14th, but it was seen by only a handful of observers. It was not seen subsequently until it was photographed again on the 18th. Mountain Plover is quite a rare vagrant into the eastern United States. There are fewer than ten previous records from east of the Mississippi River (AOU 1998, Knopf and Wunder 2006).

The Cave Swallow was officially added to the Illinois bird species list in 2008. The photo of a Cave Swallow was taken in Olney, Richland County on 16 November 2008 by Bob Shelby.

Cave Swallow (*Petrochelidon fulva*) An immature bird was photographed in a large mixed flock of swallows at Clement Township, Clinton Co. on 13 Sep (2008.027; DMK*, MSS*). Both observers believed that at least two birds were present, perhaps more. However, the photographs do not clearly document more than a single bird. One adult female found dead at McCormick Place, Chicago, Cook Co. on 10 Nov (2008.042; DEW, MH, spec. FMNH #461103). One adult was photographed at East Fork Lake, Richland Co. on 15-16 Nov (2008.043; RES*, CLH). Based on plumage, the McCormick Place specimen is referable to the subspecies pallida that breeds in the southwestern United States. The bird photographed in Richland Co. also appears to belong to the subspecies pallida. The photos of immatures from Clinton Co. do not seem to be identifiable to subspecies. This species has become a fairly regular vagrant in fall to the eastern United States especially the Great Lakes region and the northeastern United States. Previous records of fall birds in the Great Lakes region and

the northeastern United States identifiable to subspecies, both specimens and some photos, have all been pallida (McNair and Post 2001, Spahn and Tetlow 2006). Birds from the Florida breeding population and the northeastern United States in spring have been identified as nominate fulva, the West Indies breeding subspecies (Smith et al. 1988, McNair and Post 2001).

A subadult Brown Pelican was photographed at Crystal Lake, McHenry County 3-4 June 2009. Photo by Geoffrey Williamson.

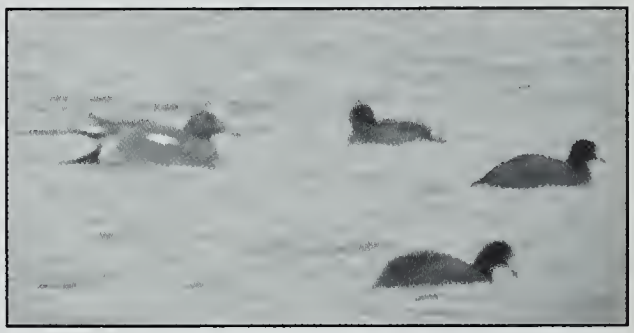
An immature Brown Pelican was seen near Alton, Madison County 11 May to 26 August 2009. Photo by Mike Thelen.

Review List Species
(29 records of 24 species)

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*) Eleven videotaped at Iola, Clay Co. on 7 May (2008.012; CLH*, RES). Four photographed at Ware, Union Co. to Grand Tower, Jackson Co. on 6-11 July (2008.035; DMK*). Five adults were shot out of a reported flock of 15 birds at Chautauqua NWR, Mason Co. on 9 Nov (2008.049; JS*, three spec. to FMNH). The committee examined photos of the five collected birds. Three of the birds were sent to the Field Museum for preparation as specimens. There were previously two accepted records for Illinois of this species.

Brant (*Branta bernicla*) One immature moved around Chicago's Lake Michigan lakefront, Cook Co. from 26 Oct to 14 Dec (2008.044; WJM; CSF*, GN*, GAW, CBT, DFS, PRC). A Brant was reported off and on through fall 2008 throughout the southern Lake Michigan lakefront. The first report came from Calumet Park on 26 October. Later, observers found one in Lincoln Park on 29 October, where it remained until at least 2 November. It was subsequently found on the Museum Campus in Grant Park on 11 November, remaining there until 19 November. Finally it was found in Jackson Park on 8 December, and was last seen on 14 December. The close proximity of the reports, the non-overlapping dates of occurrence between the various sites, and some details of how the plumage changed across time as the bird matured across the fall led the committee to conclude that only a single bird was involved in this record.

Eurasian Wigeon (*Anas penelope*) An adult male was photographed at Downs, McLean Co. on 2-4 Apr (2008.010; MEF; DMK*).



An adult male Eurasian Wigeon, center, was at Downs, McLean County on 2-4 April 2008. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Barrow's Goldeneye (*Bucephala islandica*) A female was seen and photographed along the Lake Michigan shoreline at Loyola Park in northern Chicago and the southern edge of Evanston, Cook Co. on 14 to 28 Feb (2009.011; SGS*; NAL*). This bird engendered extensive discussion with some arguing that the bird represented a hybrid Barrow's X Common Goldeneye. The two characteristics that doubters focused on were head shape and the extent of white in the wing. Numerous photos of this bird showed a variety of apparent head shapes, mostly as a result of the active diving in which the bird often engaged. Immediately following a dive the head shape would appear atypical. However, many photos show a typical head shape for a Barrow's Goldeneye. The white in the wing may be more extensive than average for a Barrow's Goldeneye, but clear photos of the spread wing indicate the white to be within the variation shown by female Barrow's Goldeneyes. The committee unanimously accepted this bird as a female Barrow's Goldeneye.

Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*) An immature photographed near Alton, Madison Co. on 11 May to 26 Aug (2009.017; BR*; GN*, MST*). A subadult was photographed at Crystal Lake, McHenry Co. on 3-4

Dan Kassebaum took this photo of a Roseate Spoonbill on 5 September 2008 at Ware, Union County. Up to four individuals were observed and one photographed between Ware, Union County and far southern Jackson County near Grand Tower in September 2008.

June (2009.016; KP; KL*, GAW*, CSF*). The latter bird may have been present for 2 to 3 days before birders became aware of it according to reports from residents of the area (fide KL). The Alton Brown Pelican moved between Illinois and Missouri waters. The last specific report from Illinois that I could locate was on 2 July.

Magnificent Frigatebird (*Fregata magnificens*) One adult male photographed near Forest Glen Preserve at Meeks, Vermilion Co. on 4 Sep (2008.021; MFC*). This record followed the passage of the remnants of Hurricane Gustav, which made landfall along the Gulf Coast of Louisiana, with its remnants traveling across Illinois. The photograph does not show any identifying features to distinguish Magnificent from Great Frigatebird (Fregata minor). However, given that Magnificent Frigatebird is a regular post-hurricane wanderer throughout the eastern United States, it is the only regular frigatebird in the Gulf of Mexico, and there are only two records of Great Frigatebird in continental North America, the committee unanimously agreed that this record was best treated as Magnificent Frigatebird.

Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*) One female photographed along Cache River, Pulaski Co. on 30 May (2009.029; CKM, JDM; DMK*). Anhingas (up to six) began to be reported from along the Cache River beginning on 1 May, although there were earlier secondhand reports. Birds continued into summer; further details on these birds will be forthcoming. A soaring female photographed at the end of May was the only documentation received of these spring birds.

Roseate Spoonbill (*Platalea ajaja*) Up to four individuals observed (and one photographed) between Ware, Union Co. and Grand Tower, Jackson Co. on 5-28 Sep (2008.024: DKv; DMK*).

White Ibis (*Endocimus albus*) One immature at E. Cape Girardeau on 6 Sep (2008.038; MSS*). One immature at Horseshoe Lake, Madison Co. on 3-10 Aug (2008.025; FH, JZ; BR*). After a hiatus of about fifteen years with no records of this species, there have been at least seven accepted records since 2003.

Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*) One photographed at Washington Co. CA on 20 May (2009.012; MSS*) This record is from approximately 35 miles north of the area of regular occurrence of this species in southern Illinois.

Swallow-tailed Kite (*Elanoides forficatus*) Two photographed south of Carbondale, Jackson Co. on 23-25 August (2008.023; RMR; TAM*). Swallow-tailed Kites occurred throughout much of Illinois until the very early part of the 20th century (Bohlen 1989). For much of the next century, there were essentially no records in Illinois. There have now been three accepted records in Illinois since 2005, and other records in the Upper Midwest. The species appears to be increasing on its southeastern US breeding grounds, and vagrant records should continue to increase.

Swainson's Hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*) An immature was photographed at Carlyle Lake, Clinton Co. on 25 Oct (2008.052; CLH; DMK*). This is the latest in the year report in the last two decades, although there are some November reports from the 1980s, and a late October specimen from 1917 (Ford et al. 1934). Although the breeding population centered on northwestern Kane County, seems to barely be hanging on, records of migrants in the fall appear to be on the increase.

Curlew Sandpiper (*Calidris ferruginea*) A bird in partial alternate plumage was seen and photographed at Greene Valley FP, DuPage Co. on 23 August (2008.022; MAM; NAL*). After some dozen reports in the 1960s though 1980s, this is only the second accepted record since 1987.

Pomarine Jaeger (*Stercocorarius pomarinus*) One photographed at Horseshoe Lake, Madison Co. on 8-15 December (2007.064; FH*). This bird was seen on the Collinsville CBC on 15 December.

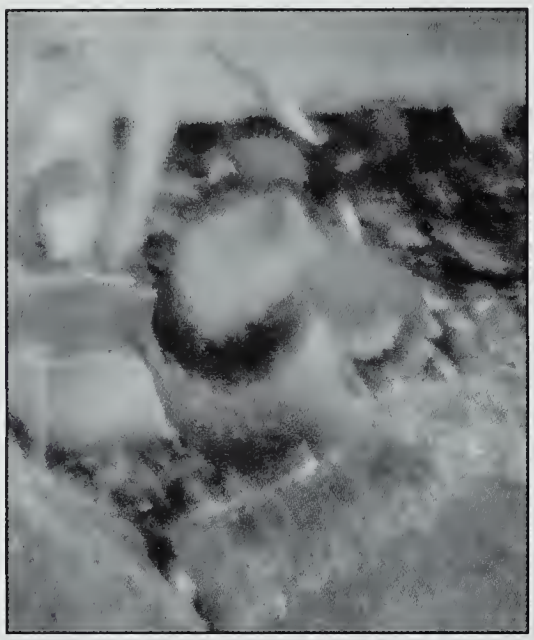
White-winged Dove (*Zenaida asiatica*) One at Montrose, Chicago, Cook Co. on 2 May (2009.022; LK; MMC, MTr*). Since the first state record in 1998, there have been at least 16 accepted records in Illinois of this expanding species. Most of these records fit the pattern shown here of a single bird seen in May for only a short period.

Burrowing Owl (*Athene cunicularia*) One photographed at Montrose, Chicago, Cook Co., on 29 Oct (2008.045; RDH, BV*). This bird

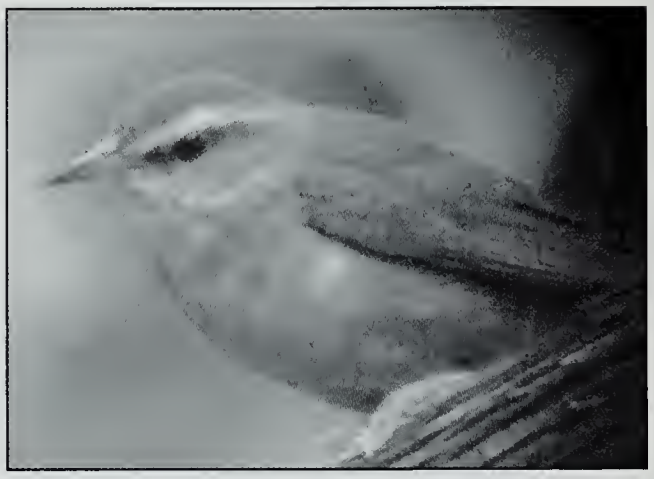
was killed by a Cooper's Hawk later in the day.

Townsend's Solitaire (*Myadestes townsendi*) One photographed at Montrose, Chicago, Cook Co. on 31 Oct-1 Nov (2008.046; RDH; KH*, NAL*).

Varied Thrush (*Ixoreus naevius*) One photographed in an Evanston yard on 25 Mar (2009.027; MMC*).



Matthew Cvetas took this photo of a Varied Thrush in an Evanston, Cook County yard on 25 March 2009.



Two Swainson's Warblers were found in Alexander County on 2 July-28 August 2008. Dan Kassebaum photographed this bird in early August 2008.

Kirtland's Warbler (*Dendroica kirtlandii*) A male was photographed in Lincoln Park, Chicago, Cook Co. on 21 May (2008.011; TA*).

Swainson's Warbler (*Limnothlypis swainsoni*) Two were in Alexander Co. on 2 July-28 August (2008.036; RE, APS; DMK*). Birds were seen and/or heard by a number of observers before one bird was photographed in early August.

Golden-crowned Sparrow (*Zonotrichia atricapilla*) One adult male was seen and heard singing along the Jane Addams Trail at Scioto Mills, Stephenson Co. on 16-24 Apr (2009.021; AS; ESS*, DP*, SM*).

Western Tanager (*Piranga ludoviciana*) An adult male was photographed at Mahomet, Champaign Co. on 27-28 May (2008.017; D&MA*; EJC, HP).

Painted Bunting (*Passerina ciris*) An adult male was photographed at a feeder in Harrisburg, Saline Co. on 13 May (2008.016; KS*).

Hoary Redpoll (*Acanthis hornemanni*) One, apparently a female, was seen and photographed irregularly at Chicago Botanic Garden, Cook Co. between 24 Jan and 3 Mar (2009.023; AFS, RE, AHr; ABB*, NAL*). One adult male was seen regularly and photographed at Merwin Nature Preserve, McLean Co. on 25-30 Jan (2009.003; TB*; MEF). There were later undocumented reports of presumably the same bird at this site until 5 Mar 2009. One adult male was photographed at a feeder in Wheaton, DuPage Co. on 21 February (2009.026; VM*). Other records from winter 2007-8 and 2008-9 remain in review. The number of Hoary Redpolls reported in Illinois during these winters is unprecedented. The Hoary Redpolls did accompany two of the largest Common Redpoll invasions of the past two decades. However, more knowledge of identification criteria, and increasing photographic documentation because of digital cameras have played an important role in improving our knowledge of this species in Illinois.

Alex Bloss took this photo of a Hoary Redpoll at Chicago Botanic Garden, Cook County on 24 January 2009.

Todd Bugg took this photo of a Hoary Redpoll at Merwin Nature Preserve, McLean County on 25 January 2009.

Vince Moxon took this photo of a Hoary Redpoll at his backyard feeder in Wheaton, DuPage County on 21 February 2009.

Other accepted records

(Three records of two species)

White-faced Ibis (*Plegadis chihi*) An adult photographed at Prairie Green FP, Kane Co. on 27 May (2009.013; MB*; AH*).

California Gull (*Larus californicus*) An adult was at North Point Marina, Winthrop Harbor, Lake Co. from at least 16 Mar to 12 Apr (2009.020; CSF*). Another adult was at North Point Marina, Winthrop Harbor, Lake Co. on 30 May (2009.019; TL*). The committee concluded that because of the lengthy period between the first and second bird without any sightings, despite regular coverage by a number of observers, these records were best treated as separate birds.

UNACCEPTED RECORDS

First State Records

Bullock's Oriole (*Icterus bullockii*) A male photographed along the Hennepin Canal at Kneiff Rd in Whiteside Co. on 12 May (2009.018) was identified as a possible Bullock's Oriole. The committee reviewed the photos of this bird, a subadult oriole. They concluded that the bird was a young male Baltimore Oriole with a somewhat atypical pattern of black on the head. Although this pattern was unusual-looking, it did not match Bullock's Oriole. The bird also did not match the wing or tail pattern of a Bullock's Oriole.

Review List Records Unaccepted

(one record of one species)

Garganey (*Anas querquedula*) A female teal at Sauer Family Prairie Kame FP, Kane Co. on 22 May (2009.028) was documented as this species with detailed written documentations by two observers. Despite this, a majority of the committee did not feel the documentation firmly established the identity of this bird as a Garganey. In particular, some committee members felt the written descriptions were not completely consistent with female Garganey, and that the possibility of a hybrid between other species of "blue-winged" Anas could not be convincingly eliminated.

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The 2008/2009 Illinois CBC Season

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The 2008/2009 Illinois Christmas Bird Count season was a study in contrasts. Seven counts reported high temperatures below 20 degrees F, while 14 reported highs of at least 50 degrees F, including several counts in the northern part of the state. Windy conditions were common – 29 counts reported peak winds of over 20 mph, while 13 reported winds of at least 30 mph.

A total of 63 counts were reported in Illinois during the 2008/2009 Christmas Bird Count season, with 166 species reported on the counts and three additional species reported only during the count period. Four counts exceeded 100 species; Rend Lake tied last year's state record with 114. There were 1095 field observers who put in 3313 party-hours, covering 20,583 miles. All of these totals were down somewhat from last year. Two-hundred eighty-eight feeder observers contributed an additional 478 hours. Fermilab again had the most field observers with 96, and Waukegan had the most feeder observers with 68.

Seven Northern Saw-whet Owls were reported on six counts during the 2008/2009 Christmas Bird Count Season. This photo of a Northern Saw-whet Owl was taken at Decatur, Macon County on 6 February 2009 by Travis A. Mahan.

No new species were added to the state's CBC list this year. There were, however, a number of notable observations. Several lingering fall migrants put in an appearance, winter finches were present in reasonable numbers, and gulls, while nowhere near last year's display, were still worth mentioning.

Ducks through Herons

Trumpeter Swans continue to increase. This year they were found on 12 counts, with a high of 10 at Rushville. Tundra Swans were reported on 4 counts. One Blue-winged Teal was seen at Evanston-North Shore. One Harlequin Duck was reported count-week at Calumet-Sand Ridge, while Calumet and Collinsville reported count-week Surf Scoters. White-winged Scoters were reported on 4 counts, with Waukegan the only Lake Michigan count to report them. A lone Black Scoter at Waukegan was the only one seen on count day – Calumet-Sand Ridge had a count-week bird. Long-tailed Ducks showed a surprising pattern – eight counts reported them, with the count-week bird at Calumet-Sand-Ridge the only one on Lake Michigan. Sixteen of those reported on count days were downstate, with an impressive 8 at Rend Lake, and one at Clinton-Savanna on the Mississippi River. The 10,681 Common Goldeneyes at Rend Lake constituted a new state high.

Ring-necked Pheasants were reported on 29 counts, but only 299 were reported, significantly below last year's 417. Wild Turkeys were also down somewhat, with 1776 reported on 43 counts. At Newton, there were 77 Greater Prairie-Chickens. Northern Bobwhite was reported on 19 counts, and Gray Partridge went unreported this year.

Rend Lake had the only Red-throated Loon, as well as two of the year's three Common Loons – the other one was at Baldwin Lake. Horned and Pied-billed Grebes were present in typical numbers, while only 4 counts reported American White Pelicans. Double-crested Cormorants were only reported on 13 counts, although in typical numbers. Springfield reported the only Great Egret, while Black-crowned Night-Herons were found on 4 counts – 3 of them in northern Illinois.

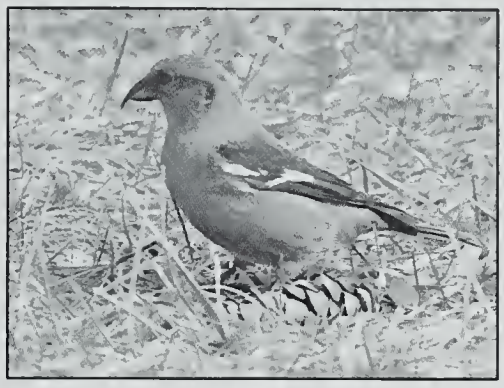
Raptors through Cranes

Black and Turkey Vultures were both reported in reduced numbers – Black Vultures were at their lowest level in 15 years. Bald Eagles were reported on a record 55 counts this season, with an all-time high state total of 2315. Accipiters were present in typical numbers, with Clinton Lake reporting the region's only Northern Goshawk. After a banner fall in 2008 at Illinois' two hawk watches, Golden Eagles put in a notable appearance, with 6 seen on 5 counts. Twelve Merlins were seen on 10 counts, and 12 Peregrine Falcons were seen on a record 11 counts. A Prairie Falcon was at Arklands Pyramid – only the 8th time that species has been reported on Illinois CBCs.

Four Virginia Rails were seen on 3 counts, with 2 at Union County. Union County also had the only Sora. Nine Sandhill Cranes were seen on 3 counts, including one at Carlyle, well away from the usual migration route for cranes in Illinois.

Shorebirds through Gulls

Three species of shorebird were reported in Illinois this CBC season, with 5 Least Sandpipers on 3 counts the only notable ones. Ten species of gull were reported this year, with a Glaucous-winged Gull at Collinsville the most notable. A Laughing Gull was at Rend Lake. Sixteen Thayer's Gulls were reported on 5 counts, and 3 Iceland Gulls were reported on 2 counts, including one at Lake Shelbyville. Glaucous Gulls were reported on 4 counts, including a lone bird at Decatur. Great Black-backed Gulls were only found on 2 counts, but the 18 at Calumet was a new state high by 10 birds. Finally, Lesser Black-backed Gulls were seen on a record 10 counts.



White-winged Crossbills were found on three CBCs. Harvey Meyers took this photo at Morton Arboretum, DuPage County on 25 February 2009.

Doves through Owls

Eurasian Collared-Dove was seen on 26 counts, a new record. Joliet only reported one Ringed Turtle-Dove. Only 69 Monk Parakeets were reported from 3 counts. No Barn Owls were reported in the state. There were 3 Snowy Owls – one at Calumet-Sand Ridge, one at Starved Rock, and a count week bird at Chicago Urban. Only 45 Short-eared Owls were seen, perhaps unsurprising given the windy conditions. Seven Northern Saw-whet Owls were reported on 6 counts.

Flycatchers through Warblers

Forty-five Eastern Phoebes were reported on a record 10 counts, with 12 at Horseshoe Lake and 13 at Union County. Six counts reported a total of 10 Loggerhead Shrikes, the lowest since 1950. In contrast, 41 Northern Shrikes were reported on 19 counts, with a notable 9 at Fermilab-Batavia. American Crow numbers appear to be recovering, with more than 212,000 reported, including 162,000 at Middlefork River Valley. Only 278 Red-breasted Nuthatches were reported, after 635 last year. Nine House Wrens were reported on a record 5 counts, while Sedge Wrens were reported at Newton and Baldwin Lake. The 11 Marsh Wrens reported included 1 at Baldwin Lake, 4 at Rend Lake, and a state record 6 at Union County.

Hermit Thrushes were reported in normal numbers, with 233 on 35 counts. Three Gray Catbirds were reported, as were 36 Brown Thrashers. Forest Glen had 7 well-described Bohemian Waxwings. Collinsville had an Orange-crowned Warbler, while Meredosia Island had a Common Yellowthroat. Six Pine Warblers were reported on 3 counts, while 5 Palm Warblers were reported on 3 counts. Finally, Horseshoe Lake had a state record 387 Yellow-rumped Warblers.

Sparrows through Weaver Finches

Only one Spotted Towhee was reported, from Collinsville. Thirteen Chipping Sparrows were reported from 13 counts. One well-written documentation for Chipping Sparrow clearly described American Tree Sparrow – this continues to be an issue. A LeConte's Sparrow at Champaign County was rather far north. Lone Vesper Sparrows were at Baldwin Lake and Morton Arboretum-Lisle. Union County had a Lincoln's Sparrow, while a count-week Lincoln's was at Chicago Urban. Lone Harris's Sparrows were at Quincy, Monroe County, and Champaign. The 3194 Lapland Longspurs at Newton were a new state high, while the Smith's Longspur photographed at Newton marks only the 6th time the species has been reported on an Illinois CBC. Lone Dickcissels were at Carlyle Lake and Champaign County.

The 806 House Finches at Rockford were a new state high. Winter finches were present in decent numbers. Seven-hundred-sixty Purple Finches were counted in 51 circles. Five counts reported Red Crossbills, while 3 counts had White-winged Crossbills. The CBC counts had Common Redpolls reported only at Chicago Urban and Freeport. Pine Siskin was reported on 46 counts, while Evening Grosbeaks were at Rushville and Forest Glen. Eurasian Tree Sparrows were reported on 14 counts.

Exotics

Several exotics were reported this year – Mandarin Duck, Bar-headed Goose, Budgerigar, 17 White-winged Pheasant, 6 Greylag Geese and a Black-headed Parakeet.

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First and foremost, I would like to thank the observers who make this count possible. Turning birding into something truly useful is a noble cause. Our various count compilers are to be lauded for the time and effort spent putting all of this information into a usable form.

Data from this year's CBC can also be found at the National Audubon Society's website, at www.audubon.org/bird/cbc/.

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Figure 1:
codes for the spreadsheets

Code	Meaning
hc	high count for that circle
lc	unusually low count
HC	State Record High Count
NC	New Species for the State Counts

Table 1: A list of count circles, abbreviations, weather and effort, and compilers.

		Effort, Weather, Compiler																			
		Date	Temp		sky	Rain/	snow	water	wind	wind speed		field	feeder	feeder	parties	party	party	owling	owling	compiler	
			low	high		Snow	cover		direction	low	high	observ	observ	hours		hours	miles	hours	miles		
Andalusia	ANOA	1/2/2009	19	30	clr /clr	n /n	0	pf/pf	n	0	10	7	0	0	3	29.75	312	4.25	65	Kelly McKay	
Barrington	BARR	12/15/2008	4	15	clr /clr	n /n	4	f /pf	w	13	30	20	6	8.75	12	51 75	267.5	0.75	0 5	Duane Heaton	
Calumet City-Sand Ridge	CALU	12/27/2008	48	61	fog /cld	h /n	2	pf/pf	s	9 3	15.5	37	13	26	11	50 75	218.5	0 5	0	Carolyn Marsh	
Chicago (urban)	CHLK	12/14/2008	40	45	cld /cld	n /n	4	f /o	sw	5	12	24	2	2	10	60	284	3	1	Jeff Sanders	
Chicago Lakefront	CHI U	12/25/2008	5	12	pcld/pcld	n /n	2	f /f	s	6	12	12	0	0	4	17	43.5	0	0	Joel Greenberg	
Clinton-Savanna	CL IA	12/18/2008	2	26	clr /mcld	n /n	4	f /pf	s	0	5	10	6	12	6	37 75	353 75	0	0	Kelly McKay	
Davenport	DA IA	12/14/2008	34	55	mcld/cld	m/n	0	pf/o	s	15	30	16	14	28	6	56.75	490.75	0	0	Kelly McKay	
Dekalb	DEKA	12/20/2008	21	23	cld /cld	n /l	10	po/o	e	7	10	16	5	8 5	6	42 5	546.5	3 5	14	Mike Andrews	
Evanston (north shore)	EVN5	12/27/2008	27	54	cld /cld	h /n	8	un/un	unk	0	0	26	23	36 25	15	78	315 75	5 5	12	Tim Wallace	
Fermilab-Batavia	FERM	12/19/2008	23	29	pcld/cld	n /l	5	f /pf	nw	5	18	96	3	6	37	216.75	763 25	8 5	40 25	Jeff Chapman	N
Freeport	FREE	1/3/2009	16	35	pcld/cld	l /n	2	f /pf	se	10	20	19	7	14	5	41.5	472.75	4 25	42 25	Anne Straight	
Illini S P	ILLI	12/28/2008	23	36	clr /clr	n /n	0	f /o	sw	5	30	9	4	8	5	34 25	343	4 5	50	Jim Hampson	O
Joliet	JOLI	12/14/2008	36	54	cld /cld	n /n	0	po/o	sw	5	35	16	0	0	9	43	180	0	0	Gregory Bluhm	
Kankakee Valley	KANK	1/3/2009	20	35	pcld/cld	n /n	0	f /o	e	5	30	17	3	5	8	58 25	380.45	5.5	39 65	Jed Hertz	R
Kishwaukee	KISH	12/27/2008	43	50	fog /lfog	h /n	6	f /po	s	0	10	32	5	9	17	111.5	594 5	3 25	29	Barbara Williams	
Lisle Arboretum	LI5L	12/14/2008	39	49	cld /cld	n /n	0 5	f /o	s	17	28	79	11	32	32	175.25	434	14	25.5	Geoffrey Williamson	T
McHenry County	MCHE	12/20/2008	18	26	cld /cld	n /n	12	pf/o	w	10	15	33	0	0	14	70 25	541.25	0	0	Rob Gough	
Morris-Wilmington	MOWI	12/28/2008	26	36	clr /clr	n /n	0	pf/o	sw	5	20	6	2	4	2	15 5	187	0	0	William Morris	H
Muscatine	MU IA	12/21/2008	-6	5	clr /clr	n /n	8	f /pf	w	25	30	11	12	24	4	27 75	266.5	0	0	Kelly McKay	
Princeton-Camanche	PC IA	12/22/2008	-6	8	clr /pcld	n /n	10	f /pf	nw	5	15	8	1	2	4	39.75	424	0	0	Kelly McKay	
Rock Cut S P	RCSP	12/14/2008	17	47	un /un	l /n	4	un/un	unk	5	35	18	1	3	16	40	361.75	0	0	Eddie Callaway	
Rockford	ROCK	12/20/2008	24	27	cld /cld	n /h	12	f /pf	se	5	15	37	10	12	21	115.75	665.75	2.25	14 5	Dan Williams	
Schapville	SCHA	12/14/2008	36	43	cld /cld	l /n	8	f /po	sw	0	10	24	0	0	6	29	320.5	0	0	Terrence N Ingram	
Starved Rock S P	SR5P	1/1/2009	21	34	pcld/cld	n /n	0	f /pf	sw	10	26	13	1	5	6	49.25	466.5	2 25	34	John McKee	
Thorn Creek Park Forest	TCPF	1/3/2009	22	32	pclr/cld	n /n	0	f /pf	e	5	20	33	17	30	13	100	509	1.5	1	Al Thomas	
Waukegan	WAUK	1/1/2009	16	28	cld /cld	n /n	3	f /o	sw	9	21	27	68	68	14	80	393 25	3	11	Joel Greenberg	
White Pines S P	WTPN	12/14/2008	29	50	cld /pclr	n /n	12	f /po	sw	15	22	3	0	0	2	9.5	111	0.25	0 25	Eric Walters	
Bloomington-Normal	BLOM	12/14/2008	39	50	cld /cld	n /n	0	pf/o	s	31	40	16	0	0	6	41	205	0	0	Dale Birkenholz	
Bushnell	BUSH	12/28/2008	25	36	clr /clr	n /n	0	po/o	sw	5	20	7	0	0	4	32 75	285.5	0	0	Larry L Hood	
Champaign County	CHAM	12/20/2008	27	31	cld /pcld	l /l	0 5	po/o	w	10	15	31	3	7	14	51	162.9	1	1	Helen Parker	C
Chautauqua N W R	CHAU	12/27/2008	53	65	cld /cld	h /n	0	f /po	sw	10	30	17	1	2	6	44 5	311 5	0.5	0.5	Richard Bjorklund	
Chillicothe	CHIL	1/3/2009	21	34	cld /cld	l /nl	0 5	pf/o	var	2	8	15	0	0	8	65.5	446 5	1 25	15	Tracy Meints Fox	E
Clinton Lake	CLLK	12/27/2008	53	61	cld /cld	h /n	0	pf/o	w	19	45	7	0	0	5	35.75	225.93	0.75	0	Rhetta Jack	
Coles-Cumberland	CDCU	12/20/2008	30	32	cld /cld	n /n	0	po/o	w	0	10	28	5	12.5	13	53 75	166.75	0	0	Laurence Thorsen	N
Crane Lake-Sangamon	CRLK	12/20/2008	29	33	cld /cld	n /n	2	pf/o	clm	0	0	10	0	0	6	40.5	263	0	0	Robert Randall	
Decatur	DECA	12/20/2008	20	26	cld /cld	n /n	0	un/un	nw	10	20	10	2	0.5	10	24.25	191 75	0	0	Norm Jensen	T
Eastern Knox County	EKCO	12/14/2008	40	53	cld /pclr	l /n	2	po/po	s	8	20	14	0	0	7	50	452.1	8.25	94.5	Jim Mountjoy	
Elsah	ELSA	1/3/2009	39	40	cld /fog	l /n	0	o /o	se	5	20	13	0	0	4	18	71 75	0.5	4	Mary Jane Hoff	R
Forest Glen Preserve	FGPR	12/17/2008	19	23	cld /cld	n /n	1	f /pf	ne	5	10	10	1	1	8	53	230 5	0	0	James Smith	
Hennepin	HENN	12/14/2008	43	48	cld /cld	n /n	0	po/o	w	21	28	7	0	0	3	26.5	255 5	2.5	20	John McKee	A
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Springfield	SPFD	12/14/2008	28	54	cld /pcld	n /n	0	o /o	sw	22	41	11	12	12	9	61	432	2.5	38	H. David Bohlen	
Western Mercer County	WMER	12/23/2008	16	28	cld /cld	n /l	6	f /pf	e	10	30	8	0	0	5	40 25	297 5	4 25	38	Kelly McKay	
Arklands Pyramid	ARPY	12/27/2008	62	70	cld/pclr	n /n	0	o/o	s	13	29	9	0	0	4	32 5				Joseph Merkelbach	
Baldwin Lake-Kaskaskia River Valley	BALK	12/20/2008	27	39	pclr/cld	n /n	0	pf/o	sw	5	10	8	3	6	5	30	29 05	1	27	Tim Dever	
Bird Haven Sanctuary, Olney	BIRD	12/27/2008	64	72	cld /cld	n /n	0	o /o	s	30	35	20	1	2	9	70 5	464 6	2	10	Frank Storment	
Carlyle Lake	CALK	12/15/2008	16	31	cld /cld	l /l	0	o /o	nw	8	16	10	0	1	5	46	408	3	30	Dan Kassebaum	S
Collinsville	COLL	12/20/2008	19	36	cld /cld	n /n	0	po/o	se	7	12	12	0	0	6	46.75	378	2	0	Frank Holmes	
Crab Orchard N W R	CROR	12/21/2008	7	21	pcld/pcld	n /n	0	f /po	nw	13	21	11	0	0	4	39	263	2	20	Vicki Lang	O
Cypress Creek	CYCR	12/15/2008	19	53	pcld/cld	l /l	0 2	o /f	nw	10	20	20	0	0	10	77 5	465.8	1	0.5	Jeffrey Hoover	
Horseshoe Lake	HSLK	12/28/2008	33	47	clr /cld	n /n	0	o /o	sw	0	8	12	0	0	10	78 75	437	2 5	5	Vernon Kleen	U
Jackson County	JACK	1/1/2009	19	43	pcld/pcld	n /n	0	o /o	s	6	18	11	1	2	6	53	321 25	6.75	30	Rhonda S Rothrock	
Monroe County	MONR	12/16/2008	14	19	cld /cld	l /l	0 2	pf/pf	unk	4	12	6	4	29	4	33.5	154 1	2 25	1	Carl Daubach	T
Newton	NEWT	12/22/2008	7	19	clr /pcld	n /n	0	po/po	w	5	15	9	0	0	5	34 75	314	2.5	20	Jeff Walk	
Pere Marquette Park	PEMR	12/20/2008	27	36	cld /cld	n /n	1	f /pf	s	0	10	22	0	0	8	50.75	262	3	10	Jerry Ingles	H
Rend Lake	RDLK	12/20/2008	31	38	cld /cld	n /n	0	o /o	sw	3	8	15	0	0	8	72	515	8	115	Keith McMullen	
Union County	UNION	12/29/2008	31	56	clr /clr	n /n	0	o /o	s	0	12	18	0	0	11	88 5	450.5	2	5	Vernon Kleen	
Warbluff Valley Sanctuary	WRBV	12/21/2008	16	31	clr /clr	n /n	0	pf/pf	nw	15	25	8	2	4	5	27 75	163 5	0 5	0	Andrea Douglas	

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	ANDA	8ARR	CALU	CHLK	CHI U	CL IA	DA IA	DEKA	EVN5	FERM	FREE	ILLI	JOLI	KANK	KI5H	LI5L	MCHE	MOWI	MU IA	PC IA	RC5P	ROCK	5CHA	5R5P	TCPF	WAUK	WTPN
5now Goose										1			1					3							1		
Cackling Goose							5	35		5			20	2		6	1	6		3	16	3					
Canada Goose	924	1409	625	2335	304	22	3684	1612	201	10736	312	510	37659	5187	1204	8975	2098	5745	952	794	7457	2309	19	931	2983	415	590
Mute 5wan		2	63		7			1					40	3			4									2	
Trumpeter Swan	1		2				6													8		cw		1			
Tundra 5wan	1												2														
Wood Duck				13			1		2	4						12										1	
Gadwall			16	2									56			83		10								1	
American Wigeon									1							2											
American 8lack Duck	1	4	10	1		7	3		9	20	1		15	8		6	6	2	1		15	5				17	
Mallard	346	623	726	775	56	209	1192	575	1059	2286	97	121	1579	525	191	1248	1060	202	54	21	806	896		63	113	1634	37
8lue-winged Teal									1																		
Northern 5hoveler									11				14	1		cw		2									
Northern Pintail							1		12	2				1		3											
Green-winged Teal				1					13					cw		1										1	
Canvasback			2	1			10									1			1	12							
Redhead		1	12		1		1		10			4	1			cw										22	
Ring-necked Duck			22		1		4			1						18			1	1						1	
Greater 5caup			648		3				110	1						1		2								851	
Lesser 5caup			202	2			9			1		1	5			4		19		1				20		15	
Harlequin Duck			cw																								
5urf Scoter			cw																								
White-winged 5coter																										1	
8lack 5coter			cw																							1	
Long-tailed Duck			cw			1							1														
8ufflehead		1	38	4	3				4			1	6			cw	1	2								66	
Common Goldeneye	1	52	165	9	170	19	190		228	535		53	71	40	16	4	15	10	46	156		9		742		295	
Hooded Merganser			2	1	5	3			17	2		1	79			4		32								31	
Common Merganser			115		1467	82	29		665	96		45	254	1	93	287	28	275	216	690	2	21		174		850	9
Red-breasted Merganser			95	5	126				2143							5										673	
Ruddy Duck										1						2	1									3	
Ring-necked Pheasant		2				16		29		11	9	4	1	14	9		9	6	6	19		30	cw	1	1		
Wild Turkey	1					56	13	13			96	184		26	8		12		14	76	49	85	48	59			
Northern 8obwhite														1					1			1					
Pied-billed Grebe			2	2						1		1				1		3									
Horned Grebe			1													1											
American White Pelican							17																				
Double-crested Cormorant			12		cw		18					1	1						1	1							
Great 8lue Heron	7	2	3	3		11	8		2	11		3	13	5	1	24	4	9		1	2	5	1	3	1	3	
8lack-crowned Night-Heron			11	1																						1	
8ald Eagle	101	3	1			89	159			12	2	20	3		6	9	5	9	177	227	1	21	23	60			9
Northern Harrier	1	1	1				1	1		7		2	3	5		1	2	5	1		1	2	1	6	8		1
5harp-shinned Hawk	2	1	3	1		1	1	1	1	6		1	2	4		5	3	1	1	2	cw	4	cw	2	4	2	2
Cooper's Hawk	1	13	6	11		2	1	7	9	25	1	3	7	8	3	28	7	3	2	2	5	16	1	9	14	9	1
Red-shouldered Hawk	1			1										cw										2			
Red-tailed Hawk	41	39	20	17	3	40	53	34	2	127	29	32	38	53	21	87	35	29	21	34	31	75	53	63	50	42	8
Rough-legged Hawk	18	1	5	2	3	11	1	5		4	11	4	cw	2		9		2	3	10		19	12	10	1	4	9
Golden Eagle																							1				

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	ANDA	BARR	CALU	CHLK	CHI U	CL IA	DA IA	DEKA	EVNS	FERM	FREE	ILLI	JOLI	KANK	KISH	LISL	MCHE	MOWI	MU IA	PC IA	RCSP	ROCK	SCHA	SRSP	TCPF	WAUK	WTPN
American Kestrel	10	5	8	10	1	6	14	9		32	10	14	7	13	5	5	4	2	3	5	6	8	12	28	15	5	7
Merlin				1						1				1	1		1					1			1		
Peregrine Falcon			1	1						1					1											3	
Virginia Rail																										1	
American Coot			24	15						1			3			32	2	4								6	
Sandhill Crane		cw														8											
Killdeer						3						1										1					
Wilson's Snipe		1				1				1						2						4					
Ring-billed Gull	61	85	425	197	229		1440	1	152	88		139	241	37		444	77	326	48		39			74		239	24
Herring Gull	11	23	105	49	115		153		129	59		193		2	11	119	1	83	9		16	15		89		1168	
Thayer's Gull			5		2				1																	7	
Iceland Gull																										2	
Lesser Black-backed Gull	1		cw						2																	2	
Glaucous Gull			1																1							1	
Great Black-backed Gull			18																							1	
Rock Pigeon	133	166	229	2050	47	283	776	123	380	281	133	85	187	1286	372	570	219	15	11	162	65	685	73	272	311	114	59
Ringed Turtle-Dove													1														
Eurasian Collared-Dove			24	4				1						9		3				3			2				
Mourning Dove	86	58	180	108	3	305	333	374	197	832	86	56	201	194	297	367	159	38	146	157	106	1048	27	64	335	490	13
Monk Parakeet			59	9	1																						
Eastern Screech-Owl	5			5		7	1	12	5	16		3		18	2	14			2	3		5	cw		2	11	
Great Horned Owl	2	4	2	4		6	5	10	6	17		1	4	13	1	12	4	1	3	4		20	cw	2	10	5	
Snowy Owl			1	cw																				1			
Barred Owl	9					3	5	1			5	1		3		1			1	4		7	cw	6	2		
Long-eared Owl										1			1	5		2								1	3		
Short-eared Owl					1	3				2			1							1			cw		1		
Northern Saw-whet Owl										1										1							
Belted Kingfisher	2	3	3	5		1	3	2	3	17	2	3	1		3	13	3	1		2	1	8	7	1		cw	2
Red-headed Woodpecker	2		3			1	9							1					2	10		1	1		2		1
Red-bellied Woodpecker	51	23	12	29		50	68	34	39	195	27	25	14	61	61	119	31	15	41	32	34	144	29	32	34	71	4
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	8			1		3	7	1		3	2	1		1	3		1		3	4		5	2	1	1	1	1
Downy Woodpecker	54	48	61	104	8	64	87	81	95	334	55	24	33	74	82	181	48	8	62	46	54	257	33	39	98	166	7
Hairy Woodpecker	12	10	4	47	1	15	18	10	40	67	11	3	7	20	20	57	16	3	16	9	12	52	2	1	15	29	2
Northern Flicker	16	7	2	9		14	21	3	3	27	4	7	4	11	15	27	7	9	18	19	7	31	8	14	9	7	1
Pileated Woodpecker	9					3	3							3					2	1		5	2	2			
Loggerhead Shrike							1																				
Northern Shrike		2	1	1		1		2		9						3	1	1			4	4	2		1	4	
Blue Jay	61	13	11	5		120	97	76	16	80	47	14	19	58	125	54	46	5	54	61	44	256	89	15	52	77	8
American Crow	85	132	31	77	31	121	164	145	61	182	182	53	118	183	366	72	340	19	44	52	277	941	477	220	56	244	98
Horned Lark	4	8				131	3	418		39	78	34	32	13	37	cw	52		59	99	2	178	26	110			8
Black-capped Chickadee	119	120	43	137	3	137	243	149	197	880	87	44	100	49	280	453	210	21	76	126	154	607	49	74	130	469	27
Tufted Titmouse	20		1			20	48	7		12	12	10	5	8	32	4		12	38	10	10	42	10	22	20	3	6
Red-breasted Nuthatch	5	13	2	4		3		1	11	14		2	10	8	2	34	17			4	2	13		2	14	20	2
White-breasted Nuthatch	82	23	24	34		70	125	69	48	219	32	28	18	42	97	160	55	6	40	40	32	259	44	37	90	130	13
Brown Creeper	13	6	2	58		15	26	12	16	64	2	3	3	8	53	45	10		3	11	21	110	3	14	6	16	2
Carolina Wren			1			1	9	1		6		1		5	3	8			2			2	2	6	5	2	
Winter Wren	1	1		3			2			2					1	8						7		1		1	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	3		3	4		1	3		7	7	1	1			6	11	2			1		18				6	2

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	ANDA	8ARR	CALU	CHLK	CHI U	CL IA	DA IA	DEKA	EVNS	FERM	FREE	ILLI	JOLI	KANK	KI5H	LI5L	MCHE	MOWI	MU IA	PC IA	RC5P	ROCK	5CHA	5R5P	TCPF	WAUK	WTPN
Ruby-crowned Kinglet										2																	
Eastern 8luebird	57					54	15			56	1	6	6	3	14	36	25		14	21	1	24	48	10		26	9
Hermit Thrush	7	1		2		3			2	5						4	1			2	1	1				1	
American Robin	14	213	22	373	2	43	330	1	540	628	22	12	218	25	33	932	76	29	59	110	20	89	38	123	2	149	1
Gray Catbird				cw																							
Northern Mockingbird	1																							1			
European Starling	1741	429	760	1700	37	1149	6477	2105	1255	6578	1815	2163	1901	3221	1207	5406	823	588	455	738	1219	3440	717	2610	1348	2253	677
American Pipit			cw																								
Cedar Waxwing	12	193	1	2		46	49		198	267	160		64	6	117	649	136		73	54	331	28	177		50	102	
Yellow-rumped Warbler		1		5		5	1	1	3	8						19				3	3	2	cw			2	
Eastern Towhee				1			1							1		cw						cw					
American Tree Sparrow	118	199	143	53	38	595	46	201	131	1808	155	135	133	546	136	600	396	107	178	86	123	842	27	167	136	360	2
Chipping Sparrow		1																				2			2		
Field Sparrow	2						2			1	1		8	1											5		
Vesper Sparrow																1											
Savannah Sparrow										3						1						1					
Fox Sparrow		5		5					10	28	1	1			1	21			3			7		1		2	
Song Sparrow	7	10	12	14		17	45	11	8	107	7	6	9	30	19	47	22		18	2	4	223	4	1	12	7	
Lincoln's Sparrow				cw																							
Swamp Sparrow	1	3	6	3	1		2		1	34				5		29			1	2	1	15		2		1	
White-throated Sparrow	11	22	2	30	13	2	37	3	27	166	1	2		22	20	143	10		11		4	14		29	1	19	
White-crowned Sparrow	1	8	cw	1			1	1	1	3		6			6	8	14	6	9			2		7	1		
Dark-eyed Junco	238	513	199	333	3	502	419	736	296	1371	800	143	258	349	661	997	551	88	440	447	336	2312	679	262	333	658	13
Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco		1		1																							
Lapland Longspur						2		24		1	927	800		6	2				23	4	cw	5		715			
Snow Bunting					3	10		712			61	1	40	3		5	1		122	8		101	cw	6	2	1	
Northern Cardinal	108	136	98	170	13	191	306	192	209	861	135	88	77	158	290	406	153	39	202	166	135	540	52	99	119	365	18
Red-winged 8lackbird	2	53	11	1		8	5171			8		202	6			8		5	1			2	1	2246	6	123	
Eastern Meadowlark													5														
Rusty 8lackbird						5	1			2												1			28		
Common Grackle		1					641			1		634						59	1			1	cw	5542	7		
8rown-headed Cowbird	1	6	27			1	3531				9	1893		9		cw		33	1	8		22		1583	7	4	
blackbird sp.																								5254			
Purple Finch	24			2		19	12	23	4	8	9	1	4	9	8	5	1		10	12		26	24	9	2	4	
House Finch	21	109	68	169	42	96	84	195	101	345	99	33	12	154	100	143	96	8	138	26	47	806	63	51	209	239	41
Red Crossbill																											13
White-winged Crossbill																8									8		
Common Redpoll				4							1								1								
Pine Siskin	28	3		2		4	75	9	1	141	18	2	27	4	73	308		2	1	5	26	49		26	52	25	
American Goldfinch	65	117	155	144	6	50	163	171	274	674	132	67	69	145	282	410	152	24	204	69	140	622	140	82	186	437	4
Evening Grosbeak																			1								
House Sparrow	652	406	772	1850	29	303	1053	590	629	1346	832	198	216	945	585	707	510	68	295	761	289	1434	525	414	423	893	98
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	234						2												119	33							
TOTAL 8IRD5	5657	5335	6370	11023	2867	5064	27535	8830	9695	31837	6520	8130	43936	13654	6982	24586	7564	8004	4563	5677	11952	18858	3554	22514	7330	13913	1829
TOTAL SPECIE5	64	57	71	68	36	64	74	51	58	81	47	64	63	65	52	80	56	53	66	64	46	73	43	64	56	77	39

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	BLOM	BUSH	CHAM	CHAU	CHIL	CLLK	COCU	CRLK	DECA	EKCO	ELSA	FGPR	HENN	MERE	MERV	PEOR	QUIN	RUSH	SHEL	SPFO	WMER
Greater White-fronted Goose	11		6	55		11	2	62	1				49	11	60				318	cw	
Snow Goose	2		cw	2		1	48	1	1		20000		1		cw				1	2	
Ross's Goose			4																		
Cackling Goose	706		7	375	1	16	25	20	6	377			78	1	8		2		29	6	
Canada Goose	5644	899	17102	7352	902	11816	9400	4898	7896	4426	88	4006	4190	979	61234	14	2203	526	2665	2607	22
Mute Swan				22		1	4								11					16	
Trumpeter Swan	2			1										6				10			
Tundra Swan							8	14													
Wood Duck				1				1	5			2		17						37	
Gadwall				24		60	1	8		cw			10	4	1		2		2	54	
American Wigeon						27	cw			cw				7						41	
American Black Duck	6		4	2	cw	10	1		5	1			9	14	52				2	6	
Mallard	2762	5	664	441	364	719	193	96	1101	373	2	9	2715	4170	1244		169		158	1203	22
Northern Shoveler				1		6	3							8	12				3	26	
Northern Pintail				53		14	3	3		1				7	7				64	1	
Green-winged Teal			2			20	3	1						22						cw	
Canvasback		4		25	16	18		22	5				1	0	1		18		165	63	
Redhead			1	2		2			8								2		7	2	
Ring-necked Duck	1			39			2	9	1					1	7				3	3	
Greater Scaup										1					cw				2	6	
Lesser Scaup	9			24		29	2	27	51	cw			114		1		4		81	120	
White-winged Scoter															cw				2	1	
Long-tailed Duck			2							1									3		
Bufflehead				1			cw						2		6					10	
Common Goldeneye	5		2	9	137	31	cw	2	178		101		37	29	24		1		913	250	
Hooded Merganser	1			88	10	16	cw		2				3	3	7				6	52	
Common Merganser	93	1	3	818	140	309	cw	12	4	42			462	73	19	12	6		161	60	17
Red-breasted Merganser			cw	2		1	3	1	2					1					6	cw	
Ruddy Duck	1													1	10				1	70	
Ring-necked Pheasant	2		15	17		25	3	8		7		7			2				30		12
Wild Turkey	51			12	124		cw	41		3	1	66		82	10		41	56		6	48
Northern Bobwhite		20		13			12			6				3							13
Pied-billed Grebe						11														7	
American White Pelican														2							1
Double-crested Cormorant				33																cw	
Great Blue Heron		2	4	57	20	15	9	35	15	cw	4	3	17	75	3		22		9	25	4
Great Egret																				1	
Black-crowned Night-Heron																				cw	
Turkey Vulture							13	1							22					26	
Bald Eagle	1	8		62	81	2	3	34	2	6	51	7	141	64	3	16	159	12	3	3	282
Northern Harrier	8	4	5	7	2	1	9	11		10		3	6	17	5		4	1	7	cw	5
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2		1	4	1	2				1	1	1	1		3		3		2	2	4
Cooper's Hawk	3	2	7	3	3		4	2	3	5	1	5	4	2	1	1	2	1		7	3
Northern Goshawk						1															
Red-shouldered Hawk			2				0			2		4							1	cw	
Red-tailed Hawk	31	43	41	34	58	28	27	37	13	82	5	26	37	29	28	1	24	16	17	25	36
Rough-legged Hawk	5	2	1	4	7		1		1	10		2	6	1			2	4			9
Golden Eagle				1						2				1							
American Kestrel	5	17	15	16	20	7	15	18	8	13	1	5	11	9	5		19	5	16	16	12
Merlin			1			1															1
Peregrine Falcon			cw													1				1	
American Coot	1			220		5	1		4	3				120					7	35	
Killdeer			1	1			1	4				1	1	4			1				5
Wilson's Snipe								3						14							2
Bonaparte's Gull							6		1											160	
Ring-billed Gull	30		1	520	118	107	21	65	2400	5	246		1001	224	48	10	501		7132	1985	1
Herring Gull	1			54	44	18	3	4	41	cw			159	2	4				260	11	
Iceland Gull																			1		
Lesser Black-backed Gull							1													cw	
Glaucous Gull									1												
Rock Pigeon	236	150	116	14	113	33	61	38	294	74		50	64	61	84	15	130	21	87	1371	81
Eurasian Collared-Dove				6	1		cw	15	1	31			17		17		3	4	1		1
Mourning Dove	23	106	456	114	290	52	292	364	109	113	8	231	7	165	21	135	354	31	278	342	347
Eastern Screech-Owl	1		4		2			1		1		4		4	10				1	2	2
Great Horned Owl	4	1	2		3		1	3		3	1			3	9		1		3	5	4
Barred Owl	6	3	3	1	3	1	2	4	1	9		1	1	4	7		3		7	2	2
Long-eared Owl			3									1			4				1		
Short-eared Owl			1							3				5					6		
Northern Saw-whet Owl																			1		
Belted Kingfisher	2		1	8	2	3	4	8	2	2	1	4	1	5	3				cw	6	3

Table 3: Count data for Central Illinois (defined as circles centered between I-70 and I-80)

	8LOM	8USH	CHAM	CHAU	CHIL	CLLK	COCU	CRLK	DECA	EKCO	ELSA	FGPR	HENN	MERE	MFRV	PEOR	QUIN	RUSH	SHEL	SPFD	WMER
Red-headed Woodpecker	3	1			4		10	6		6	2	11		1	9		10	2	6	2	3
Red-bellied Woodpecker	38	36	47	65	104	20	83	103	19	49	37	79	53	58	50	4	57	15	91	66	49
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	2	1	2	1	4		1	3	6		6	8	2	4	3	2			7	7	11
Downy Woodpecker	37	25	59	26	87	20	106	36	18	29	33	66	41	55	41	12	69	24	89	54	63
Hairy Woodpecker	7	2	8	8	10	8	18	11	4	11	2	10	10	11	6	3	16	5	21	7	8
Northern Flicker	31	8	54	23	50	32	41	53	12	16	16	19	48	42	22	2	19	6	60	40	21
Pileated Woodpecker		1	1	1	9		8	9	4	1	3	18	2	6	8	3	2	2		4	7
Eastern Phoebe							1								1						
Northern Shrike										1				1	1						1
Blue Jay	54	80	65	70	75	72	119	57	20	70	81	130	21	79	100	8	146	42	137	40	106
American Crow	862	169	1114	129	258	101	394	52	86	407	96	33683	594	88	162000		62	46	289	3938	81
Horned Lark	9	21	23	4	29	21	43	1780	7	91	2	400	3	590	15		773	12	28	2	413
Carolina Chickadee			16				80					99			86						
Black-capped Chickadee	117	23	8	63	202	45		68	39	62	66	2	130	82		13	95	49	161	77	75
Tufted Titmouse	29	15	14	32	101	11	69	39	16	34	89	77	29	57	46	6	66	51	126	55	29
Red-breasted Nuthatch	12		23	2	2	8	3	1	1	cw		4		3	7		2		5	5	2
White-breasted Nuthatch	29	21	30	24	136	31	68	49	26	34	63	100	49	45	49	7	54	21	113	49	41
Brown Creeper	22	2	14	5	8	8	6	4	5	6	2	2	12	12	2		1		7	34	7
Carolina Wren	4	2	27	12	7	17	18	34	17	9	25	28	7	12	4	3	12	4	37	29	3
House Wren																	1				
Winter Wren			6							4	1			1	2				1	4	1
Golden-crowned Kinglet	2		2	9	1	7	5	18	2	1		16		31	5				15	14	2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				1				2					1	3			1		1	1	
Eastern Bluebird	14	34	2	22	49	2	50	14	1	33	44	14	28	49	50		15	6	106	10	17
Hermit Thrush			5	1	4			6	1		1	1	1	10	3		1		7	3	
American Robin	30	12	823	290	457	31	85	92	347	6	628	26	19	97	163	29	137	2	1881	1365	97
Gray Catbird			1																		
Northern Mockingbird		3		1	2		2	6		3	1	1		1						5	
Brown Thrasher							1				1						2				
European Starling	745	786	3525	1532	12306	854	1700	806	1094	3703	1938	1372	2779	298	1319	31	1028	122	1125	7234	714
Bohemian Waxwing												7									
Cedar Waxwing	35	26	165	101	24	209	154	54		26	64	106	35	120	261		21		49	54	217
Yellow-rumped Warbler			10	1	1			17	1	2		2		1	8				1	7	
Common Yellowthroat														1							
Eastern Towhee	1		3				6			cw		2									
American Tree Sparrow	191	57		196	235	342	242	4296	239	130	14	191	123	1542	105	3	504	2	467	100	65
Chipping Sparrow					1										2		3				
Field Sparrow			11	3			2	1						1	cw					6	
Savannah Sparrow			8					1						3					2		
Le Conte's Sparrow			1					1													
Fox Sparrow			12		1	2	3	4	1			7	1	71				1		2	
Song Sparrow	24	10	138	13	28	7	69	63	10	14	3	49	12	36	13	1	16	4	27	42	22
Swamp Sparrow	2		39		1	2	5	20	1			5	2	8	5				5	4	5
White-throated Sparrow	14	4	127	17	78	31	33	21	33	7	93	52	45	74	60	13	29		121	60	10
Harris's Sparrow			1														1				
White-crowned Sparrow	1	1	34	20	4		17	6	15	5	1	5	7	75			7			3	2
Dark-eyed Junco	234	118	346	236	490	186	410	881	407	161	183	397	259	985	278	39	1078	144	360	503	673
Dark-eyed (Pink-sided) Junco										1											
Lapland Longspur			6		15	17		296	20	201		240	14	28	13		45		325		19
Snow Bunting								6		cw							10				45
Northern Cardinal	133	91	179	109	222	81	194	262	97	141	91	247	189	251	77	29	360	127	269	177	207
Dickcissel			1																		
Red-winged Blackbird			83	1	328	17		24	13	300	9	17		7	12				1	302	96
Eastern Meadowlark		2				26	37	2	4			28		2	4		8		8	cw	
Rusty Blackbird			1		5				1			2	8	1						3	
Common Grackle	7		104	2	12	35	22		211	150	1		4	2	2					8	2
Brown-headed Cowbird	4	14	285	2	109	14	2	6	26	8	3	1	302		6	1			cw	209	3
blackbird sp.																			100		
Purple Finch	1		44	26	10	8	17	17	4	3	8	45	9	15	63	3	18	15	14	32	15
House Finch	27	1	61	14	69	7	56	8	46	77	21	95	22	35	73	24	86	32	14	162	13
Red Crossbill				3								8			7						
White-winged Crossbill															3						
Pine Siskin			10	3	3	68	2	1	10	16		21	3	7	8	2	1			69	1
American Goldfinch	5	25	235	65	137	44	253	311	110	60	89	192	111	89	56	15	338	139	319	128	65
Evening Grosbeak												5						1			
House Sparrow	265	611	571	134	849	180	243	718	415	384	134	429	358	519	210		575	193	255	618	817
Eurasian Tree Sparrow		83		86	7			474		32			4	119			82	2		4	626
TOTAL BIRDS	12646	3552	26830	13891	18996	15983	14865	16612	15551	11912	24362	42757	14482	11878	228251	458	9770	1756	19112	24212	5593
TOTAL SPECIES	65	48	79	84	69	71	79	83	71	69	51	68	67	91	82	32	65	39	80	88	67

Table 4: Count data for Southern Illinois (defined as circles centered south of I-70) *continued*

	ARPY	BALK	BIRD	CALK	COLL	CROR	CYCR	H5LK	JACK	MONR	NEWT	PEMR	RDLK	UNION	WRBV
Greater White-fronted Goose	891	626	1		100	150		5200	718	cw	22	90	946	4500	
Snow Goose	36341	25215	261	102200		549		21000	4152	cw		1105	56252	16000	
Ross's Goose	3	1		4				35	4				8	7	
Cackling Goose	24	24		2	23	104		22	1		6		16	31	
Canada Goose	3824	737	2179	24	1102	6700	222	3700	1531	426	2836	2348	930	2400	140
Mute Swan					6										
Trumpeter Swan											2			9	
Wood Duck	6	2				5	62	3					3	4	
Gadwall	260	219	3	3	265	273	369	820	62	85	28	90	91	328	
American Wigeon	46	6		cw		84	85	152				6	19	48	
American Black Duck	4	6	2	4	3	22	13	41			2	4	35	9	
Mallard	6084	1158	56	242	335	3507	17092	6700	157	1670	791	3738	3179	4400	44
Northern Shoveler	68	65	27	25	3	206	247	19	12	249	2	151	37	118	
Northern Pintail	308	2	31	4		2	376	65	4		3	4	139	110	
Green-winged Teal	14	13		2	6	2	59	78		cw	3	2	11	39	
Canvasback	13	4	cw	90	149	57	62	196	1	16	93	37	1236	314	
Redhead			cw	1			10	1			1			1	
Ring-necked Duck	725	28	9	1	118	45	65	470	6	1	12	32	31	700	
Greater Scaup		4	1	15				1			5		28	1	
Lesser Scaup	6	77	12	43	19	360	28	68	16	94	3	256	92	40	
Surf Scoter					cw										
Long-tailed Duck				1									8		
Bufflehead	5	18	8	5	7	34	21	1			9		75	1	
Common Goldeneye	13	8	26	318	35	46	8	1	3		37	312	10681		
Hooded Merganser	5	6	2	7	3	464	16	7	82		10	8	60	2	
Common Merganser	104			10		164					46		26		
Red-breasted Merganser				2		4							51		
Ruddy Duck	1	2	16	2	57			4	19		1	11	172	61	
Ring-necked Pheasant													4		
Greater Prairie-Chicken											77				
Wild Turkey	53	6	36	19	16		67	32	1	2	13	2	184	4	60
Northern Bobwhite	18	23	26	25			13		8	cw	24		2	1	
Red-throated Loon													1		
Common Loon		1											2		
Pied-billed Grebe	5	44	58	cw		68			8		7		61	1	4
Horned Grebe	1	77	2	1		1							20		
American White Pelican												253			
Double-crested Cormorant				14		15	70						78		
Great Blue Heron	19	28	11	16	14	34	20	41	25	12	7	88	90	97	15
Black Vulture	8						6	13	4					6	8
Turkey Vulture	27		26	cw		1	123	25	6		11			19	25
Bald Eagle	4	3	3	13	2	25	13	31	9	6	2	276	16	33	2
Northern Harrier	74	3	4	7	cw	2	49	9	5	3	41	5	18	25	4
Sharp-shinned Hawk	6	3	3	1	2	1	2	2	2	cw	1		5	2	1
Cooper's Hawk	6	3	8	5	8	1	1	7	1	1	3	1	6	3	
Red-shouldered Hawk	3	8	2	2	1	9	17	23	10	1	1	5	11	33	3
Red-tailed Hawk	17	28	25	34	44	21	37	45	35	14	25	39	30	66	13
Rough-legged Hawk	1			2						1			2	1	
Golden Eagle														1	
American Kestrel	20	24	28	17	32	9	55	42	25	20	17	13	36	48	11
Merlin	2														
Peregrine Falcon							1			2					
Prairie Falcon	1														
Virginia Rail		1												2	
Sora														1	
American Coot	201	78	590	6	17	212		2	83	98			14		
Sandhill Crane				1											
Killdeer		2	1	3	1		21		5	11		37	30	21	11
Least Sandpiper												3	1	1	
Wilson's Snipe	1	1					5	1		cw		22	9		
Laughing Gull													1		
Bonaparte's Gull		167		30	7	3575	200			cw	1		2152		
Ring-billed Gull	35	15956	16	7010	589	11967	170	82	677	121	202	6957	7728	1510	10

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	ARPY	BALK	BIRD	CALK	COLL	CROR	CYCR	HSLK	JACK	MONR	NEWT	PEMR	RDLK	UNION	WRBV
Herring Gull		27	34	87	18	27					2	3	268	3	
Thayer's Gull					1										
Lesser Black-backed Gull				2	cw	1							2		
Glaucous-winged Gull					1										
Glaucous Gull					cw										
Rock Pigeon	16	66	22	68	585	6	25	44	65	62	78	1	65	83	20
Eurasian Collared-Dove		2		15			5	10		31	5		7	7	
Mourning Dove	95	364	336	251	347	91	357	215	84	534	110	90	345	235	50
Eastern Screech-Owl	3	2	1	1	2	4	3	8	3		2		8	2	
Great Horned Owl	1	1	4	3	2	3	1	9	8		5	2	4	5	
Barred Owl	2	6	7	1		3	7	23	10	1	3	4	9	14	
Long-eared Owl	2			1											
Short-eared Owl	3	2	cw	2			7			cw	10			1	
Northern Saw-whet Owl						1			1				2		
Belted Kingfisher	2	5	2	1	3	1	7	14	12	6	1	13	7	14	5
Red-headed Woodpecker	2	11	7	3	5	2	25	76	19	5	1	112	1	169	1
Red-bellied Woodpecker	30	29	52	49	41	47	88	161	84	15	27	84	75	182	12
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	3	5	3	4	6	17	30	34	11	1	3	12	4	58	3
Downy Woodpecker	17	26	48	33	28		71	81	48	15	31	46	88	100	8
Hairy Woodpecker	8	10	14	8	5		17	39	8	6	5	8	26	39	2
Northern Flicker	8	17	19	26	29		73	138	28	5	34	54	57	167	9
Pileated Woodpecker	3	10	7	5	3		33	48	15	3	1	27	7	81	11
Eastern Phoebe	2	2					8	12	5	cw			1	13	
Loggerhead Shrike	1	2	2								3		1		
Northern Shrike				1											
Blue Jay	48	135	135	83	50		267	471	185	44	67	237	122	495	70
American Crow	147	37	52	155	1506		100	105	110	47	38	183	292	241	61
Horned Lark	33	103	71	453	628		678	163	23	312	709	938	247	46	
Carolina Chickadee	82	34	87	57	68		182	165	131	30	29		203	219	18
Black-capped Chickadee												114			
Tufted Titmouse	21	36	69	68	37		167	192	99	34	33	127	130	251	26
Red-breasted Nuthatch		2	3	1	1		3		1		2		1	1	
White-breasted Nuthatch	9	16	48	27	15		71	101	45	13	40	41	47	130	5
Brown Creeper	10	11	3	8	5		27	43	5	3	4	7	40	32	
Carolina Wren	21	37	36	30	42		82	210	85	9	19	56	109	175	2
House Wren	4							1					2	1	
Winter Wren	3	1	1				30	35	3			1	9	21	1
Sedge Wren		2									1				
Marsh Wren		1											4	6	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	10	14	5	28	4		140	71	19			7	82	45	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1	0		1	4		18	57	2			3	7	30	
Eastern Bluebird	17	50	52	26	19		70	201	120	21	31	18	91	260	66
Hermit Thrush	6	7		10	3		31	44	5		4	5	17	26	6
American Robin	209	201	462	543	2435		1332	678	2139	66	26	195	241	576	18
Gray Catbird	1														
Northern Mockingbird	3	6	6	1	19		10	19	19	6	1	5	17	13	2
Brown Thrasher				1			1	16	1		1		2	10	
European Starling	1997	1054	1844	2010	11653		6804	2700	11524	578	1543	662	15710	2100	1125
American Pipit	2	1					4	7	1	16			1		
Cedar Waxwing	16	20	56	306	2		136	118	49	71	69	155	123	73	285
Orange-crowned Warbler					1										
Yellow-rumped Warbler	13	16	2		25		81	387	10	2	21	6	1	244	33
Pine Warbler									4				1	1	
Palm Warbler	1								2				2		
Spotted Towhee					1										
Eastern Towhee	10	3		1	3		10	52	9	2	9	1	20	67	7
American Tree Sparrow	232	50	38	113	84		128	72	13	89	560	206	166	39	
Chipping Sparrow								1						1	
Field Sparrow	3	7	12	8	4		93	125	32	8	14	4	38	47	18
Vesper Sparrow		1													
Savannah Sparrow	83	1		5			24	50	1	cw	44	3	14	24	
Le Conte's Sparrow	4	1					4	3			8		2		
Fox Sparrow	3	1	1	15	17		61	50	3		3	2	17	45	8

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	ARPY	BALK	BIRD	CALK	COLL	CROR	CYCR	HSLK	JACK	MONR	NEWT	PEMR	RDLK	UNION	WRBV
Song Sparrow	140	48	30	72	71		317	216	72	43	49	53	202	424	12
Lincoln's Sparrow														1	
Swamp Sparrow	64	54	1	32	3		122	133	32	10	23	9	152	236	1
White-throated Sparrow	143	63	S9	174	2SS		839	801	337	61	97	102	457	994	89
Harris's Sparrow										1					
White-crowned Sparrow	6	38	23	12	43		SS	33	83	3S	39	30	23	S2	24
Dark-eyed Junco	118	169	29S	933	301		1343	S09	983	247	321	370	S81	618	308
Lapland Longspur	4	282	88	678	30		3	550		17	3194	S3S		48	
Smith's Longspur											1				
Northern Cardinal	175	90	207	276	188		3S1	408	233	87	108	277	331	460	70
Dickcissel				1											
Red-winged Blackbird	19077	129	11	7	14938		1S121	12S00	1664	238	3	4153	146826	8000	1
Eastern Meadowlark	76	68	79	49	1		394	25	57	147	469	3	14	91	32
Rusty Blackbird	1	10	S3		7		27	90	2	17		11	4	375	
Brewer's Blackbird	1							6		17				22	
Common Grackle	23372	51096	25	3	8760		1S97	1S000	14422	63	5	41	68S993	23000	1028
Brown-headed Cowbird	3120	26	28	cw	87		3049	325	630	39	2	3	2707	200	26
blackbird sp.	327S0	3927			4S00		127							20000	2787
Purple Finch	7	9	12	13	2		45	16	18	18	21	S	3	43	18
House Finch	2	84	54	29	25		28	27	44	50	8	4	7	38	7
Red Crossbill	1														
Pine Siskin	3	3	1	69	3		40	10	61	2			8	13	3
American Goldfinch	100	292	137	S90	73		272	196	504	442	66S	184	274	218	73
House Sparrow	20	62	480	32S	193		134	143	121	73	275	338	160	262	1
Eurasian Tree Sparrow					41							80			
TOTAL BIRDS	131614	103612	8638	117986	50213	28922	54780	76977	41976	647S	13221	2S668	941104	92485	6703
TOTAL SPECIES	10S	104	83	98	8S	47	94	97	90	69	92	82	114	107	S7

A 'gracious man' and ... 'excellent' teacher

By Eric Bollinger

I was hired at Eastern Illinois University as Barrie Hunt's replacement in 1990 after he retired. Those were impossible shoes to fill. He left an outstanding study skin collection that he put together on his own as well as a legacy of excellent instruction in both ornithology and ecology. Barrie was very gracious in helping me get my feet on the ground at Eastern including taking me around to all the local birding hotspots. In addition, for many years after I arrived at E.I.U., Barrie was nice enough to host a bird banding demonstration lab at his home. At the end of the lab, Barrie's wife, Shirley, would always bring out hot doughnuts for the students. It was always the students' favorite lab. He was an excellent field ornithologist and a warm, kind, generous person.

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"Friends, colleagues recall the nature of Barrie Hunt"

By Tim Zgonina

There was something allegorical, those who knew him agreed, in the fact that Barrie Hunt left this world on the fall migration.

Hunt – teacher, ornithologist, and conservationist – died at the age of 77 on the first day of autumn in 2009, during the height of the seasonal flight of the birds he loved over the places he loved.

Barrie Hunt was the dean of Coles County birders – a combination of learning, experience and field skills surpassed by no other local birder and admired by all of them.

"When it came to ornithology, I don't think I know anyone who had the depth of knowledge he had," said David Mott, a close friend and site superintendent at Douglas-Hart Nature Center in Mattoon, where Hunt was a long-time presence.

Barrie was equally admired for his own nature.

"What struck me most about Barrie was his great personal integrity," said Ruth Riegel, a student of Hunt during the years when he taught ornithology and biology at Eastern Illinois University from 1967 to his retirement in 1989. "In class he was very intimidating – he took what he did extremely seriously and did not tolerate people who did not put in the effort – but in the field he was very patient with those who were less experienced than he was, and it was always lovely to go out with him."

Hunt graduated from Asheville School in North Carolina and earned degrees from Miami University and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He was a U.S. Air Force pilot and taught in Kenosha, Wis., and at Eastern. He served on the boards of the Illinois Audubon Society and the Douglas-Hart Foundation.

Hunt also served on the editorial advisory board for the Illinois Ornithological Society and wrote two articles for the *Meadowlark*, examining migratory patterns of birds in spring and fall in the Illinois/Indiana region (see Meadowlark 11:88-93 and Meadowlark 5:122-128). He also wrote articles for a variety of other scientific birding journals on topics such as DDT poisoning in robins and wing chord differences in Common Grackles, as well as extreme nesting dates for the Mourning Dove in Illinois, which was published in Wilson Bulletin 90:458-60.

Hunt regularly contributed his bird sightings from the Charleston, Illinois, area to all of the various Illinois birding journals for at least 40 years. He was also a bird bander.

One of his most gratifying accomplishments was his establishment of Warbler Woods, an Illinois Department of Natural Resources-recognized 200-acre nature preserve located west of Illinois Route 130 off Daileyville Road between Fox Ridge State Park and Charleston.

As demanding as Hunt was as an ornithologist, however, he was as patient with youngsters and inexperienced birders. Hunt started the tradition of Thursday morning bird walks at the Douglas-Hart Nature Center during the spring and fall migration seasons, where birders of any level of experience can walk the trails of the preserve with veterans and sharpen their skills.

Barrie got his doctorate at the University of Wisconsin, and his teachers had been the students of Aldo Leopold, author of "A Sand County Almanac," one of the primers of the land stewardship and environmental movements in the United States in the 20th century, Mott said. "Those people were his teachers. Most of his beliefs about conservation and wildlife management came in a direct line from Aldo Leopold."

About 15 years ago, Hunt was diagnosed with chronic lymphocytic leukemia – a type of cancer of the blood and bone marrow.

"He was so courageous and strong willed in his battle with his disease," Mott said. He just refused to give up. So many times when he would go for his chemo it would take him a couple of days to bounce back, but he didn't want help. He wanted to stand on his own legs. The last four or five months it was difficult for him to be confined indoors. He was an outdoorsman."

— Tim Zgonina is a staff writer at the Mattoon Journal Gazette, *which granted permission to publish this piece in* Meadowlark. *It was originally published on 1 October 2009.*

A Tribute to Laurence C. Binford

By David B. Johnson

I was saddened to learn of Laurie Binford's death in September 2009 at his home off Agate Harbor in the Upper Pennisula of Michigan.

Laurie was a very dear close friend and birding mentor for more than 20 years.

Our association began when I met his mother, Irene. His family lived four blocks from our home in Glencoe, where I grew up. One day in 1979, Irene saw a bird coming to a feeder in her yard that wasn't in her Peterson's field guide. Irene, an accomplished artist, drew a colored sketch of the bird and sent it to her son at the California Academy of Sciences where he worked as the curator of birds and mammals.

He immediately called her upon receiving and identifying the sketch to tell her it was a Black-throated Sparrow. Later I gave Irene a black-and-white photograph of the rarity she hosted in her yard that winter.

When Laurie came back to Glencoe to take care of his mom as she got older, I met him when I found a Ross's Goose at McGaw Park in early December 1988 near Waukegan on the north side of what was then Lakehurst Mall. Laurie came with Larry Balch, Gerry Rosenband and Walter Kraweic to see the goose which was, at that time, only the second or third Chicago area record.

Laurie had just published a site guide on Pt. Diablo California near San Francisco as the article appeared in one of the first HMANA journals as a premier hawk watching site on the west coast of the United States. In fact, it was Laurie who discovered this hawk site, one of the biggest on the West Coast.

Laurie was instrumental in developing the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee, a standing committee of the Illinois Ornithological Society. He also gave much time and advice to the fledging Illinois Ornithological Society organization in the early 1990s when Eric Walters founded the organization.

Laurie also developed and published the Chicago Botanic Garden Bird Checklist with Richard Biss, Michael Hogg and Jim Steffen. This Checklist would later serve as a model for the Illinois Beach State Park Bird Checklist. See Meadowlark 2:131-134 for Laurie's site finding guide to this great birding location.

Laurie also discovered and documented the first state record of Sandwich Tern at Waukegan Beach in Lake County (Meadowlark 2:13-14), and he discovered (or rediscovered) the first Illinois Record of MacGillivray's Warbler which was left unidentified for years in the specimen collection of the Field Museum of Natural History. (Meadowlark 2:47-50).

Laurie co-authored "First Confirmed Illinois Record of the Glaucous-winged Gull" (Meadowlark 4: 47-50), which was discovered by Louise Augustine, Andy Sigler, Pat Geis and Alan F. Stokie.

Laurie and I birded a lot together even in the Upper Penninsula of Michigan. My family and I visited him both up north at Eagle and Copper Harbor and at Baton Rouge, Louisiana where he spent winters. Once in Baraga County, Michigan, he pished up a storm of warblers—and even White-winged Crossbills. He was the best of pishers.

We also discussed the undertail coverts and rumps of young teal and how to separate Blue-winged from Green-winged Teal young with Green-winged Teal having the creamier yellowish rears. We toured every local sewage pond up there and Laurie found a Ruff at one of these locations. At Copper Harbor we both were amused by an immature Northern Goshawk trying to chase a Belted Kingfisher, only to plunge into a pond—getting itself all wet and flapping its way to shore.

Laurie loved discovering rare birds or out-of-season birds on Christmas Bird Counts. Often he would scout for several weeks preceding counts in search of rarities. He once observed the Black-backed Woodpecker and Sage Thrasher on an Evanston North Shore count.

We saw the Northern Gannet together in Vernon Hills at Little Bear Lake on 9 November 1993 in a Vernon Hills shopping mall area. Laurie exclaimed, "It was the most out of place location for a rare bird sighting."

He also loved seeing the LaSalle County Gyrfalcon with Richard Biss atop a farm building southwest of the nuclear plant.

Once when I showed Laurie an unidentified immature jaeger photo from Carlyle Lake, he took one look and said, "This is a Long-tailed Jaeger." He was never wrong on identification of birds, and was legendary on that aspect.

For an amazing story of Laurie's identification skills, see http://creagrus.home.montereybay.com/CAchronoSkylark.html.

Larry Balch recounted this story showing Laurie Binford's identification skills:

"In 1987, I invited Laurie to come along with us to Attu. (He happily accepted, but was not nearly as happy when I accidentally tipped over the cart he was riding in and dumped him into a mud puddle.) On that trip, Frank Gill's wife Sally decided to play a trick on the group. She stood up at dinner and said 'I found this feather out on Alexai Point today and I can't figure out what it's from. Can anyone help me?' She passed it around and people puzzled over what Attu vagrant could have lost it. There was much speculation and guessing, but no one knew, until it reached Laurie, who took one look and immediately said, 'It's an Oilbird feather,' Which it was."

Binford also founded the Western Field Ornithologists and the California Bird Records Committee. He described the nest of Marbled Murrelet, the last species in North America to have its nest discovered and was one of the last birders to see an Eskimo Curlew in Galveston, Texas, during the 1960s.

Laurie published the American Ornithologists Union monograph on Birds of Oaxaca, Mexico and his latest work was "Birds of Keweenaw Peninsula."

Among his many articles published in scientific journals was an account in the Auk (74:264-265) in which he watched an Eastern Phoebe catching and eating small fish in a lagoon at Chicago's Jackson Park, with two phoebes catching seven fish in 20 minutes.

He was a true professional ornithologist and birder in the utmost sense of the word.

— David B. Johnson is a former Vice-President and associate editor of IOS

Field Notes

The 2008-2009 Winter Season

by Kelly J. McKay

Snowy Owl drawing by Robert Savannah, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Weather during the winter of 2008-2009 was very similar to that of the previous winter, with exteme fluctuations in temperature and substantial precipitation. Some 25 noteworthy winter storms moved across all or a portion of Illinois during the season.

December temperatures ranged from substantially below normal to well above normal. A winter storm on 1 December dropped 1-4 inches of snow across the northern half of Illinois. Two days later, 2-3 more inches of snow fell in the northern section of the state, along with a mix of rain and snow in the central region, and moderate rainfall in the south. On 8 December, another winter storm produced rain, freezing rain, and 4 inches of snow in the north, and moderate amounts of rain in the central section of the state. Nearly a week passed before the next major storm dropped heavy rain, freezing rain, sleet, and snow across most of the state on 14-15 December. This was followed immediately on 16 December by another storm which brought 2-6 inches of snowfall over the northern third of Illinois, and substantial freezing rain over the central third. A very strong winter storm slammed into Illinois on 18-19 December, producing freezing rain, sleet, and 2-10 inches of snow in the northern portion of the state, a severe ice storm with up to 1 inch of ice over the central region, and rain across the south. A fast moving storm on 20 December left 1-2 inches of snow in the north, coupled with winds at 25-30 mph statewide and wind chills at 25-35 degree below zero. A couple of days later (23-24 December), another storm dropped 2-4 inches of snow in the north, a quarter inch of ice through the central region, and substantial rain and freezing rain across the south. Additionally, 10-20 mph winds created severe wind chills ranging from 10 to 20 degrees below zero. On 25 December, light rain and freezing rain fell across the northern 2/3 of Illinois. A quickly-following storm the next two days dropped 1-2 inches of rain statewide, turning to light freezing rain in the north.

January was very cold, with temperatures ranging from severely below normal to nearly normal, and with continued frequent storms. Minor weather events at the start of the month included light rain and freezing rain across the northern third of the state on 3 January; light rain over the southern third and northeastern sections of the state on 6 January; and light snow in northern Illinois on 8 January. A more significant storm moved across the state on 9-10 January, producing 2-8 inches of snow over the northern half of the state and light rain and freezing rain across the southern half. The middle of January was exceptionally brutal. A major storm on 12-13 January yielded 2-6 inches of snow in the north and 1-3 inches of snow in central sections of the state, coupled with high winds creating severe wind chills of 20-30 degrees below zero. Immediately following this, another major winter storm on 13-14 January dropped an additional 6-10 inches of snow in the north, 3-6 inches in the central, and 1-3 inches in the southern sections of the state. Once again, very strong winds resulted in record cold wind chills of -40 to -50 degrees. The month ended with a series of minor storms. On 17 January, 1-2 inches of snow fell across the northern two thirds of the state, while another 1-2 inches of snow fell across the northern third on 19 January. A storm producing a quarter inch of ice moved across the southern region on 26 January.

Extreme temperatures in February ranged from substantially below normal to record highs. Precipitation continued fairly frequently in the last third of the season. After a two-week period free of storms, up to half an inch of rain fell over much of the state on 9 February. On 11 February, Illinois was soaked by another 0.5-1 inch of rain. Two days later, 1-2 inches of snow was dropped over the northern third of the state, and light rain fell over the central third. Another noteworthy storm yielded 0.5-1 inch of rain across most of Illinois on 17 February. The final snow of the season fell on 21 February, when a significant storm dropped 2-6 inches of snow in the northern portion of the state, moderate rain and freezing rain over the central region, and light rain over the southern section of Illinois. The last precipitation of the season occurred on 26 February, in the form of heavy rainfall. This storm produced 0.75-1.5 inches of rain in the northern half and 0.5-1 inch of rain in the southern half of the state.

Bird diversity in the winter of 2008-2009 was very high, with 189 species reported below. The total included a large variety of lingering fall migrants and "semi-hardy" species, as well as numerous species that are scarce to accidental in winter in Illinois. By season's end, very little early spring migration had been observed within Illinois.

Many species groups showed declines in overall abundance compared to the previous winter. These included: dabbling ducks, doves, "open country" birds, mimids,

sparrows, and blackbirds. Groups showing population increases and decreases in about equal numbers were: geese, upland gamebirds, "waterbirds," shorebirds, owls, woodpeckers, and "permanent residents." A few species groups showed increases: swans and diving ducks, gulls, thrushes, and finches. Most diurnal raptors and "semi-hardy" species were recorded in fairly typical numbers.

Waterfowl to Cranes

Most waterfowl species were reported in greater abundance this winter, although dabbling duck numbers were reduced overall, and there was a conspicuous absence of dabbling duck concentrations at traditional southern and central wintering sites. Similarly, diving ducks showed no major concentrations within the state. Unusual species of waterfowl were confined to Lake Michigan, including a **Brant** lingering through 14 December (see the fall 2008 summary), a female **Barrow's Goldeneye** in February, and three to five **Harlequin Ducks**, one of which lingered for nearly two months. There were no reports of Blue-winged Teal.

Upland gamebird populations were rather weak. Gray Partridge went unreported again this season.

Loons and grebes were found in normal to low numbers, with no unusual species reported. American White Pelican and Double-crested Cormorant showed modest increases over last winter, but no large concentrations. An over-wintering concentration of 15 Black-crowned Night-Herons in Madison County was noteworthy, as was the overwintering Great Egret, but the only other reports of herons involved Great Blue Herons in comparatively low numbers.

Diurnal raptors showed little change in population compared to the previous winter, with the exception of Black Vulture and Bald Eagle, both of which occurred in notably poor numbers. It was not a flight year for Northern Goshawk, with only two singles reported. Two **Prairie Falcons** were recorded, with one photographed in central Illinois, and it was a good year for Golden Eagles, with five birds noted in several areas of the state.

One of the four Virginia Rails found this season lingered into January in Lake County—surprisingly far north in the wake of a cold, snowy December. One location produced two calling Virginia Rails and a Sora! It was an exceedingly poor season for American Coots statewide. Modest numbers of Sandhill Cranes continued into early December and began returning in the last third of February; other records involved four individuals in southern Illinois in January.

Shorebirds to Woodpeckers

Shorebird diversity for the season was high, with eight species noted. Unusual shorebirds for winter included an early December Baird's Sandpiper and a late February Lesser Yellowlegs in northeastern Illinois, as well as a Spotted Sandpiper overwintering at Rend Lake.

Winter 2008-2009 was excellent for gulls, with numbers overall reversing the trend of recent winter seasons. Only Bonaparte's Gull showed declines compared to last winter. A season total of five Laughing Gulls provided a record high for winter, and Ring-billed Gull tied its previous winter high count of 80,000 birds at one site. A Franklin's Gull put in a rare winter appearance in mid-February. Reports of several extralimital gulls remain under review, including a **Western Gull** (previously confirmed in Illinois only from a specimen taken in 1927), a **Slaty-backed Gull**, and two **Glaucous-winged Gulls**. There were also documentations of two forms of gulls not previously confirmed for Illinois ("**Vega Gull**" and "**Caspian Gull**"), both of which are currently treated as subspecies of Herring Gull but considered good species by some authorities. The former was reported from two sites in southern Illinois.

The rapid expansion in population and distribution of Eurasian Collared-Dove seems to have slowed, and Monk Parakeet numbers are also showing a declining trend.

Owl populations were more-or-less stable, with the exception that none of the concentrations of Short-eared Owls found over the past several winters were reported. A good number of Snowy Owls appeared this winter, including four that were noted in a traditional La Salle County location, as well as one which was remarkably far south, in Clinton County.

Woodpeckers showed little significant change in populations over the previous winter, other than the unfortunate continued decline of Red-headed Woodpeckers.

Flycatchers to Warblers

Eastern Phoebes were recorded in fairly good numbers, especially on Christmas Bird Counts. Loggerhead Shrike had its second worst winter of the past decade. It was an above-average flight year for Northern Shrike, including one that appeared as far south as Clinton County. A **Yellow-throated Vireo** at Sand Ridge State Forest provided a first winter-season record for Illinois.

Red-breasted Nuthatches were fairly widely distributed in modest numbers. A tally of 110 Brown Creepers at Rockford tied the state Christmas Bird Count record first set there in 1995. Wren numbers and diversity were about normal but for some reduction in Carolina Wren populations. A new record winter high count of six Marsh Wrens was established at a traditional southern Illinois winter location for the species, the birds likely responding to background wren calls on a recording of rail calls. Golden-crowned Kinglet numbers were on the low side of average.

Data on thrushes included single reports of **Townsend's Solitaire** and **Varied Thrush** in northeastern Illinois, a healthy distribution of Hermit Thrushes, and notably strong numbers of American Robins statewide. Mimids were all less plentiful this winter. Cedar Waxwings were widely encountered in routine numbers.

Warbler diversity was amazingly high, at seven species--the most reported in the winter summaries in over a decade. The most remarkable report was of a **Cape May Warbler in February**, coming to a suet feeder. Two Orange-crowned Warblers evidently overwintered at Urbana, at separate urban cemeteries two miles apart. Data on the other warbler species (other than Yellow-rumped Warbler) suggest notably late fall migrants.

Sparrows to Weaver Finches

Highlights among sparrows included a record number of Chipping Sparrow reports and near-record numbers of Lapland Longspurs. The second Illinois winter record for Smith's Longspur was documented and photographed near the location of Illinois's first accepted Illinois winter record. Snow Buntings were also found in high numbers, and were very widespread even making it to several areas in the far southern reaches of the state. A few Lincoln's Sparrows are found lingering most years into December, but one on 31 January was exceptional. Most other sparrows were in average to low numbers. Scarcer sparrows included two lingering Spotted Towhees at opposite ends of the state, healthy numbers of Le Conte's Sparrows, and two overwintering Harris's Sparrows.

A male Rose-breasted Grosbeak on 27 Feb added to the handful of previous post-December records of this species in Illinois. Dickcissel remains rather rare and irregular in winter, so this season's total of seven Dickcissels provides a noteworthy seasonal high count.

Blackbird populations were generally weak, with particularly poor numbers for Rusty and Brewer's Blackbirds. Yellow-headed Blackbird, which remains unusual in winter, was located at two southern sites.

It was an exceptionally good flight year for winter finches. White-winged Crossbills were found in all-time record numbers and were reported in several areas in central Illinois. There were record flock totals from several northeastern Illinois locations. These were part of a massive irruption of the species into the east and other Midwestern states. Common Redpolls were also remarkably widespread in near-record numbers, and documentations of five **Hoary Redpolls,** also a record number of reports for Illinois, are pending review or have been accepted. Pine Siskin numbers, while not encountered in exceptionally large flock sizes in most locations, were none-the-less strong and especially widespread throughout the state, also part of a huge irruption of the species extending to the Gulf Coast states. Purple Finches were also encountered in above average numbers and locations. Even a single well-observed male Pine Grosbeak was documented in northeast Illinois. Despite the invasion, no Evening Grosbeaks were reported.

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The foundation of this summary is the detailed information on winter bird populations as submitted directly to the compiler by field observers throughout the state. Maximum counts are provided, where available, from each of the three regions of Illinois (north, central, and south) as described by Bohlen's (1978) *An Annotated Check-list of Illinois Birds*. Additional data reflecting the progress of the season are noted, when available, for species and areas of special interest.

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MC	= maximum counts from representative sections of the state	1st/2nd/3rd	= first-/second-/third-winter plumage	L&D	= Lock and Dam
*	= observation documented	pr	= pair	NWR	= National Wildlife Refuge
**	= specimen	CA	= Conservation Area	NC	= Nature Center
m.ob.	= many observers	CP	= County Park	NP	= Nature Preserve
<	= reported as fall departure	Co(s)	= County(ies)	P	= Park
>	= reported as spring arrival	FP	= Forest Preserve	Pr	= Prairie
ad.	= adult	FS	= Field Station	R	= River
imm.	= immature	FWA	= Fish & Wildlife Area	SF	= State Forest
		L	= Lake	SNA	= State Natural Area
				SP	= State Park
				Wds	= Woods

Bald.L	=	Baldwin Lake (Randolph Co)	Kidd L Marsh	=	Kidd Lake Marsh State Natural Area (Monroe Co)
LCal	=	Lake Calumet (Cook Co)	LCal	=	Lake Calumet and vicinity (Cook Co)
Carl.L	=	Carlyle Lake and vicinity (Clinton & Fayette Cos)	LOW	=	Lake of the Woods FP (Champaign Co)
Champ.	=	Champaign (Champaign Co)	LShel.	=	Lake Shelbyville (Shelby & Moultrie Cos)
Chau	=	Chautauqua NWR (Mason Co)	Mackinaw Bluffs	=	Mackinaw Bluffs Corridor (Woodford Co)
Chi	=	Chicago and vicinity (Cook Co)	Mazonia-Braidwd	=	Mazonia-Braidwood State FWA (Grundy Co)
Clin.L	=	Clinton Lake (DeWitt Co)	Miss. R	=	Mississippi River (various counties)
COLSP	=	Chain O' Lakes SP (McHenry/ Lake Co)	Peabody FWA	=	Peabody River King State FWA (St. Clair Co)
Crab Or.	=	Crab Orchard NWR and vicinity (Williamson Co)	PrRdg	=	Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Jasper Co)
Fermi	=	Fermilab National Accelerator Laboratory (Du Page Co)	QC	=	Quad Cities (Rock Island area) (Rock Island Co)
Hennepin L	=	Hennepin-Hopper Lake Restoration Area (Putnam Co)	Rend L	=	Rend Lake and vicinity (Franklin & Jefferson Cos)
HomerL	=	Homer Lake FP (Champaign Co)	Rockfd	=	Rockford and vicinity (Winnebago Co)
HL	=	Horseshoe Lake (Madison Co)	Sand Rdg	=	Sand Ridge State Forest (Mason Co)
IBSP	=	Illinois Beach State Park (Lake Co)	Spfld	=	Springfield (Sangamon Co)
IL	=	Illinois	UCCA	=	Union County Conservation Area (Union Co)
JP	=	Chicago's Jackson Park (Cook Co)	Urb.	=	Champaign-Urbana area (Champaign Co)
Kank.	=	Kankakee and vicinity (Kankakee Co)	Wauk	=	Waukegan and vicinity (Lake Co)
			Winthrop H	=	Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co)

Information on counts greater than one individual, sexes, and/or ages of observed birds is included when available; no number indicates single birds. This information is followed by the location of the observation, date(s) of observation, and the observer(s). Noteworthy dates of occurrence, remarkably high counts, and/or locations for the state as a whole, or for particular regions of the state, are **underlined and boldfaced**. Headings for species of extremely unusual occurrence in Illinois during the winter are **CAPITALIZED**. Headings for species requiring review by the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee (IORC) are **CAPITALIZED AND UNDERLINED**. Records pending IORC review are enclosed in square brackets [ ]; see forthcoming IORC reports in this journal for further details. The current IORC review list is available on-line at www.illinoisbirds.org/iorc.html.

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Remarks on the historical significance of records aim to be valid for the corpus of data published in Bohlen's 1989 *Birds of Illinois* and in the seasonal summaries in the Illinois journals *Illinois Birds and Birding* (summer 1984 - spring 1991) and *Meadowlark* (summer 1991 - present).

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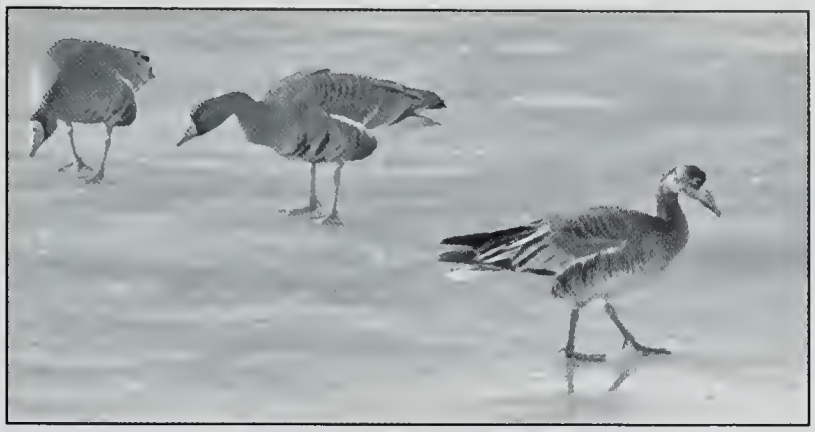


Possible hybrid of Greater White-fronted Goose and 'Blue morph' Snow Goose? Quiver Lake, Mason County. 7 February 2009. Photo by Josh Stafford.

Greater White-fronted Goose

MC: 2843, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 1500, Sangamon Co, 23 Jan, w/some all winter (HDB); 1500, Carl.L, 17 Jan (DMK, MSS); 1112, UCCA, 5 Jan (KAM); 1000, Richland & Wayne Cos, 13 Feb (CLH); 540, Chau, 5 Dec (RGB, SNB); 327, Evergreen L (McLean Co), 24 Feb (MEF); 325, Bald.L, 27 Feb (SDB); 300, LShel., 3 Jan (DMK, MSS); 250, Durand (Winnebago Co), 28 Feb (DTW, BCW); 100, L Holiday (La Salle Co), 15 Feb> (UWG). **Others:** 51, South Elgin (Kane Co), 20 Feb (DTW); 50, Fermi, 26 Feb (BT); 45, L Shabbona SP (De Kalb Co), 17 Feb (MJB, APS); 33, Des Plaines (Cook Co), 10 Feb (MF); 22, Jasper Co, 22 Dec (SDB, MPW, et al.); 20, Lake Villa (Lake Co), 10 Feb (RBs); 5, LOW, 30 Dec (GSL); 2, HomerL, 9 Dec (MGA); Independence Grove FP (Lake Co), 27 Feb (JSS).

Snow Goose

MC: **300,000**, Carl.L, 22 Feb (KAM, DMK); **53,000**, Rend L, 20 Dec (KAM, MSS); **35,000**, Cypress Creek NWR (Union & Pulaski Cos), 5 Jan (KAM); **20,000**, Chau, 10 Feb (JSd ph); **16,549**, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (SDB, PM); **15,000**, Bald.L, 18 Jan (TJD); **15,000**, Richland & Wayne Cos, 14 Feb (CLH); 1250 (migrants flying north parallel to I-57 for 3-4 miles), Fayette, Clay & Effingham Cos, 27 Feb (SDB); 70, Clin.L, 10 Feb (MJB, m.ob.). **Others** (central & north): 17, Hunter (Edgar Co), 14 Feb (EWW); 5, L Vermilion (Vermilion Co), 4 Jan (SDB); 3, Mazonia-Braidwd, 31 Dec (JBH); 2, Kank., 13 Dec (JBH); Urb., 13 Dec (GSL); blue morph, Pistakee L (Lake Co), 3 Jan (EWW).

Ross's Goose

MC: **28**, Horseshoe Lake FWA (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (SDB, PM); **16**, Bald.L, 27 Feb (SDB); 10, Carl.L, 19 Jan & 22 Feb (DMK, MSS, KAM); 9, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PM); 6, Bloomington (McLean Co), 16 Dec (MJW); 5, Rend L, 20 Dec (KAM, MSS); 4, Joliet (Will Co), 7 Dec (DFS); 4 & 1, HomerL, 20 & 15 Dec (JOS, JJ & EJC resp). **Others:** 3, Sangamon Co, 6 Jan (HDB); 2, Cypress Creek NWR (Union & Pulaski Cos), 5 Jan (KAM); Mazonia-Braidwd, 7 & 18 Dec (JBH); Bayles L (Iroquois Co), 15 Feb> (EWW); Miss. R (Adams Co), 19 Jan-2 Feb (AGD); L Charleston (Coles Co), 8 Feb (RB); Mason Twp (Effingham Co) (migrating north w/Snow Geese), 27 Feb (SDB); Vernor L (Richland Co), 24-25 Jan (CLH); White Co, 18 Dec (*RES).

Cackling Goose

MC: 800, Bloomington (McLean Co), 1-5 Dec (MJW); 625, Will Co, 7 Dec (DFS); 200 (most all winter), Sangamon Co, 21 Jan (HDB); 142, Mazonia-Braidwd, 11 Dec (JBH); 93, Crab Or., 21 Dec (KAM, CAT, TLK); 40, Carl.L, 7 Dec (DMK, MSS); 40, Bald.L, 27 Feb (SDB). **Others:** 30, Rend L, 5 Jan (KAM); 25, Mermet L SP (Massac Co), 5 Jan (KAM); 20, Shelby Co, 3 Jan (CAT, TLK); 16, Clin. L, 27 Dec (fide RLJ); 12, Horseshoe Lake FWA (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 10, Miss. R (Madison Co), 30 Dec (DMK, MSS); 10, Shiloh (St. Clair Co), 7 Jan (KAM); 10, UCCA, 5 Jan (KAM); 6, St. Joseph (Champaign Co), 11 Dec (MGA); 6, Miss. R (Adams Co), 24 Jan (AGD); 6, Jasper Co, 22 Dec (SDB, MPW, et al.); 5, Moline (Rock Island Co), 14 Dec (*KJM, *SBH, SC); 3, Champ., 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 2, Kank., 24 Feb (JBH); Rock Falls (Whiteside Co), 3 Jan (KJM, SV).

Canada Goose

MC: **45,100**, Will Co, 7 Dec (DFS, JBH); **30,000**, L Vermilion (Vermilion Co), 4 & 16 Jan (SDB & MJB resp); **29,100**, Mazonia-Braidwd, 11 Dec (JBH); 20,000, Sangamon Co, 6 Jan (HDB); 9000, L Charleston (Coles Co), 20 Dec (RB); 3000, Bald.L, 18 Jan (TJD); 2668, Crab Or., 21 Dec (KAM, CAT, TLK); 2437, QC, 14 Dec (KJM, SBH, SC, m.ob.); 2306, UCCA, 5 Jan (KAM); 2300, Jasper Co, 22 Dec (SDB, MPW); 2100, DeWitt Co, 2 Jan (CAT, TLK); 1941, Champaign Co, 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 1580, JP, 6 Dec (CAT, TLK). More numerous this winter than ever before (HDB). Increased numbers, especially in northern & central locations.

Mute Swan

MC: **93**, LCal, 3-4 Jan (WJM); **50**, Channahon (Will Co), 20 Dec (DFS); 19 (5 ad., 14 imm.), Pistakee L (Lake Co), 3 Jan (EWW); 16 (12 ad., 4 imm.), JP, 10 Dec (PRC); 7, Havana (Mason Co), 30 Dec (UWG); 5, Kankakee Co, 4 Feb (JBH); 4, Chau, 6 Feb (RGB, SNB). **Others** (central & south): 2, Vernor L (Richland Co), 22 Jan (CLH); 2, Carl.L, 28 Feb (DMK); 2 ad., Kidd L Marsh, 28 Dec (CCD, PPD); Heron CP (Vermilion Co), 1 Jan (SDB, SLD); Mermet L SP (Massac Co), 5 Jan (KAM); HL, 8 Jan (FRH).

Trumpeter Swan

MC: **96**, Hunter (Edgar Co), 14 Feb (EWW); **23**, Hurst (Williamson Co), 9 Jan (KAM); 8, Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 22 Dec (*KJM, *EAA, JH, RBg); 6, Sangamon Co, 23 Jan (HDB); 6, Meredosia L (Morgan Co), 16 Dec (PW); 4 ad., Tazewell Co, 5 Feb (MJB, KBR); 4 ad., Meyer (Adams Co), 5 Dec (AGD); 3 (2 ad., 1 imm.), Oregon (Ogle Co), 18 Jan – 4 Feb (DTW, AS, et al.); 3 (2 ad., 1 imm.), Chi, 13 Feb (GAW). **Others:** 2 (pr.), LCal, 3-6 Jan, 18 Jan & 14-28 Feb (JSA, JWL, JOS, DJA, m.ob.); 2, Channahon (Will Co), 30 Jan & 8 Feb (DFS); 2, Kank., 20 Dec (JBH); 2, Jasper Co, 22 Dec (CLH); imm., Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co), 17 Dec (MJB); L&D #19 (Hancock Co), 24 Jan (CAT). Greater numbers and wider distribution this winter.

Tundra Swan

MC: **150**, Perry Co, 17 Feb (LS); **75**, Mazonia-Braidwd, 4 Dec (JBH); 40, Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co), 5 Dec (MJB, APS); 17, Chau, 5 Dec (RGB, SNB); 15, Will Co, 2 Dec (JAS); 10, Hunter (Edgar Co), 14 Feb (EWW); 8, L Charleston (Coles Co), 20 Dec (RB); 5 (4 ad, juv), Channahon (Will Co), 5 Jan (MJB, APS). **Others:** imm., Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 2 Jan (*CM, JMo); Kank., 29 Dec (JBH);. Occurred in greater numbers this winter.

Wood Duck

MC: 39, Chau, 27 Feb (RGB, SNB); 29, Chi, 17 Dec (GAW); 23, Kank., 21 Feb (JBH); 17, Brown, Morgan, Pike, Scott Cos, 16 Dec (TWd, m.ob.); 7, Bald.L, 15 Feb> (TJD); 4, Chauncey Marsh (Lawrence Co), 10 Feb (CLH). Many ones and twos at scattered sites.

Gadwall

MC: 205, Crab Or., 21 Dec (KAM, CAT, TLK); 82, Rend L, 20 Dec (KAM, MSS); 81, Horseshoe Lake FWA (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 80, Channahon (Will Co), 20 Dec (DFS); 74, Kidd L Marsh, 14 Dec (CCD, PPD); 70, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PM); 28, Jasper Co, 22 Dec (SDB, MPW, m.ob); 13, Chau, 27 Dec (RGB, SNB); 10, Chi, 9 Feb (CAT, TLK); 8, World Shooting Complex, Sparta (Randolph Co), 27 Feb (SDB); 5, Mazonia-Braidwd, 31 Dec (JBH). Considerably less abundant statewide, with few other reports outside s. IL.

American Wigeon
MC: 131, Horseshoe Lake FWA (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 74, Crab Or., 21 Dec (KAM, CAT, TLK); 30, Carl.L, 28 Feb (DMK); 10, Rend L, 20 Dec (KAM, MSS); 6, World Shooting Complex, Sparta (Randolph Co), 27 Feb (SDB). **Others** (north & central): 2 (pr.), Downers Grove (Du Page Co), 3 Dec (REF, KDF); male, Spoon L (Knox Co), 11 Dec (MJB); Miss. R (Adams Co), 27 Feb (AGD).

American Black Duck
MC: 152, Mazonia-Braidwd, 18 Dec (JBH); 35, Clin.L, 21 Jan (MEF); 25, Rend L, 20 Dec (KAM, MSS); 24, LCal, 7 Dec (WJM); 22, Danville (Vermilion Co), 1 Jan (SDB, SLD); 18, Kank., 4 Feb (JBH); 10, Carl.L, 17 Jan (DMK, MSS); 6, Rock Cut SP (Winnebago Co), 7 Jan (DTW); 6, Chau, 13 Feb (RGB, SNB).

Mallard
MC: **118,200**, Mazonia-Braidwd, 11 Dec (JBH); 4350, Union Co, 29 Dec (SDB, PM); 4000, Carl.L, 7 Dec (DMK, MSS); 2900, Rend L, 20 Dec (KAM, MSS); 2500, Clin.L, 21 Jan (MEF); 1000, Nauvoo (Hancock Co), 12 Dec (MJB); 783, Horseshoe Lake FWA (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 747, QC, 14 Dec (TM, BL, m.ob.). **Others:** 2891, Crab Or., 21 Dec (KAM, CAT, TLK); 1671, Kidd L Marsh, 14 Dec (CCD, PPD); 605, Whiteside & Lee Cos, 3 Jan (KJM, SV, m.ob.); 482, Chau, 5 Dec (RGB, SNB); 458, Chi, 14 Jan (GAW). Other than the huge concentration at Grundy Co, this species was considerably less abundant statewide.

Northern Shoveler
MC: 213, Kidd L Marsh, 14 Dec (CCD, PPD); 61, Union Co, 29 Dec (SDB, PM); 50, L Renwick (Will Co), 7 Dec (DFS); 40, Carl.L, 6 Dec (DMK, MSS); 16, Rend L, 8 Dec (KAM); 10, Marissa (St. Clair Co), 27 Feb (SDB); 8, Scott Twp (Champaign Co), 29 Dec (GSL); 6, Champ., 4 Dec (SDB); 6, World Shooting Complex, Sparta (Randolph Co), 27 Feb (SDB); 5, Kank., 4 Jan (JBH); 4, LShel., 3 Jan (DMK, MSS).

Northern Pintail
MC: 2000, Carl.L, 28 Feb (DMK); 1000, Richland & Wayne Cos, 13 Feb (CLH); 100, Chau, 27 Feb (RGB, SNB); 64, Clin.L, 21 Jan (MEF); 18, Morris (Grundy Co), 28 Feb> (EWW); 9 males, Van Patten Wds FP (Lake Co), 6 Jan (EWW). **Others:** 115, Rend L, 20 Dec (KAM, MSS); 65, Moultrie & Shelby Cos, 3 Jan (SDB, TAM); 60, Peabody FWA, 7 Feb> (TJD); 45, Cypress Creek NWR (Union & Pulaski Cos), 5 Jan (KAM); 14, Scott Twp (Champaign Co), 29 Dec (GSL); 8, Mazonia-Braidwd, 5 Dec (JBH); 8, Horseshoe Lake FWA (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 6 males, Allerton P (Piatt Co), 10 Feb> (MJB, m.ob.).

Green-winged Teal
MC: 1500, Carl.L, 28 Feb (DMK); 60, UCCA, 5 Jan (KAM); 40, Miss. R (Madison Co), 15 Feb (DMK, MSS); 15 & 12, Scott Twp (Champaign Co), 29 Dec & 15 Feb (GSL); 8, Horseshoe Lake FWA (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 3 (2 males, 1 female), Wauk., 28 Dec (EWW); 3, Mazonia-Braidwd, 11 Jan (JBH); 3, Kank., 16 Feb (*JBH). **Others** (central & north): 2 (pr.), JP, 29 Dec< (PRC); 2, Grundy Co, 28 Feb (CAT); Rock R (Whiteside Co), 3 Jan (AT, ET).

Canvasback
MC: 6000, Rend L, 8 Feb (LS); 3000, Carl.L, 11 Jan & 28 Feb (DMK, MSS); 2500, Miss. R (Hancock Co), 5 Dec (AGD); 2000, Dallas City (Henderson Co), 30 Dec (UWG); 440, L&D #14 (Rock Island Co), 1 Feb (EWW); 157, Channahon (Will Co), 14 Feb (DFS); 150, Sangamon Co, most all winter (HDB). **Others:** 1200, HL, 9 Feb (FRH); 250, Miss. R (Adams Co), 5 Feb (AGD); 133, Horseshoe Lake FWA (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 120, LShel., 3 Jan (DMK, MSS); 45, Union Co, 29 Dec (SDB, PM); 18, Clin. L, 27 Dec (fide RLJ); 17, Crab Or., 21 Dec (CAT, KAM, TLK); 12, Jasper Co, 22 Dec (SDB, MPW); 8, Chau, 13 Feb (RGB, SNB); 4, Kank., 14-15 Feb (JBH); 3, Mazonia-Braidwd, 29 Jan (JBH); 3, World Shooting Complex, Sparta (Randolph Co), 27 Feb (SDB). Much more abundant, particularly in s. and c. IL.

Redhead
MC: 120, Carl.L, 28 Feb (DMK); 65, Chi, 28 Feb (MJB); 47, Wauk., 21 Feb (EWW); 45, LCal, 22 Feb (WJM); 26, Winthrop H, 1-24 Dec (EWW); 17, Kank., 9 Feb (JBH); 15, Rend L, 21 Feb (LS); 4, Seneca (La Salle Co), 28 Dec (DJS, TW); 3, Shelby Co, 3 Jan (CAT, TLK). Larger numbers this winter.

Ring-necked Duck
MC: 600, Carl.L, 28 Feb (DMK); 172, Horseshoe Lake FWA (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 63, Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery (Mason Co), 23 Jan (RGB, SNB); 56, Chi, 9 Feb (CAT, TLK); 40, Peabody FWA, 31 Jan (TJD); 31, LCal, 3 Jan (WJM); 24, Union Co, 29 Dec (SDB, PM); 11, World Shooting Complex, Sparta (Randolph Co), 27 Feb (SDB); 7, Sand Rdg, 27 Dec (DMK, MSS). Considerably lower counts this season.

Greater Scaup
MC: 566, IBSP, 1 Jan (GAW); 89, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 27 Dec (GAW); 60, Carl.L, 14 Dec (DMK); 30, Rend L, 5 Jan (KAM); 3, LShel., 3 Jan (DMK, MSS). **Others** (inland): 10, L Spfld (Sangamon Co), most of winter (HDB); 5, Vernor L (Richland Co), 30 Jan & 3 Feb (CLH); 3, Dallas City (Henderson Co), 30 Dec (UWG); 3, Miss. R (Madison Co), 30 Dec (DMK, MSS); 2 (male & female), L Vermilion (Vermilion Co), 4 Jan (SDB); 2 (male & female), Wolf Creek SP (Shelby Co) (GSL, TAM, SDB, et al.); male, Spoon L (Knox Co), 14 Dec (MJB, KBR); male, Kank., 3-11 Feb (*JBH); Du Page Co, 28 Feb (UWG).

Lesser Scaup
MC: 1000, LCal, 31 Jan (WJM, DKA, FM); 425, Carl.L, 25 Feb (KAM); 100, Mazonia-Braidwd, 5 Dec (JBH); 97, Chau, 13 Feb (RGB, SNB); 89, Kidd L Marsh, 14 Dec (CCD, PPD); 80, HL, 17 Dec (DMK); 70, Rend L, 5 Jan (KAM); 60, Miss. R (Adams Co), 27 Feb (AGD); 50, L Spfld (Sangamon Co), 6 Dec (KAM). Although more numerous this winter, wintering populations remain declined.

HARLEQUIN DUCK
2 (ad male & female.), Wauk., 9 - 21 Feb (MJB, JSS, DD, BJS), w/ad male there 22 Feb (SDB) & female 23 Feb (BJS); imm. male, Chi (Calumet P), 29 Dec-23 Feb (CAM, DFS, JK, GAW, m.ob.); female, JP, 3-14 Dec (PRC, et al.), & male, 20 Dec (GN ph). Same pair of birds, with male molting into alternate plumage?

Surf Scoter
Wauk. 1 Feb (BH); Carl.L, 6 Jan (DMK, MSS).

White-winged Scoter
MC: 9, L Spfld (Sangamon Co), 11 Jan, w/5-6 thru 4 Feb (HDB); 7, Chi (Montrose), 13-14 Feb (RDH, REF, KDF); 6, Carl.L, 11 Jan (DMK, MSS); 3, Wauk., 22 Feb (SDB), w/female there 25 Jan-18 Feb (MJB, EWW, m.ob.); 3, Chi (Rainbow Beach), 23 Feb (DFS); 3 (1 ad. male, 2 female-types), L Decatur (Macon Co) (TAM). **Others:** 2, Winthrp H, 1 Feb (BH); 2, Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co), 13 Feb (JBH, APS); 2, Wolf Creek SP (Shelby Co), 3 Jan (GSL, RK, SDB, et al.); 2, Richland Co, 28 Feb (RES); imm., LCal, 3 Jan & 22 Feb (*WJM); L Vermilion (Vermilion Co) (imm female), 4 Jan (SDB); Miss. R (Madison Co), 1 & 15 Feb (DMK, MSS, WMR, FRH); female, Rend L, 5 Jan (KAM, LS).

Black Scoter
Female/imm, IBSP, 1 Feb (JSS); female, Wauk., 28 Dec, 1 & 25 Jan & 14 & 18 Feb (*EWW, MJB, AFS, m.ob.); female, Chi, 10 Dec & 16 Feb (RDH, MAM); imm, LCal, 31 Jan-7 Feb (*WJM, FM, DKA, JRG, SF); female, Rend L, 11 Dec (LS).

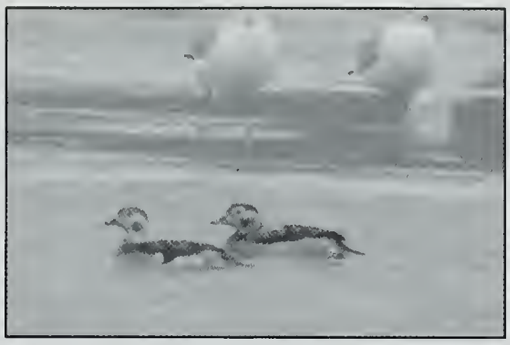
Long-tailed Duck
MC: 65, Winthrop H, 1 Feb (REF, KDF); 3 females, Rend L, 20 Dec (DMK, CLH); 3 females, Wolf Creek SP (Shelby Co), 3 Jan (GSL ph, RK, SDB, et al.). **Others:** 2 (male & female), HomerL, 20 Dec (JSh, JJ); Urb., 3 Dec (BO, JSd); Rockfd, 7 Dec (DTW, BCW); male, Spoon L (Knox Co), 13-14 Dec (MJB, JMy, KBR); female, Carl.L, 14-15 Dec, 6 & 10-11 Jan (KAM, DMK, MSS); L&D #13 (Whiteside Co), 18 Dec (KJM, LB, JS, DF); Mermet L SP (Massac Co), 5 Jan (KAM).

Bufflehead

MC: 49, JP, 3 Dec (PRC); 30, Mazonia-Braidwd, 18 Dec (JBH); 22 (11 males, 11 females), Winthrop H, 20 Dec (EWW); 20, Miss. R (Hancock Co), 5 Dec (AGD); 18, Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery (Mason Co), 30 Jan (RGB, SNB); 9, Crab Or., 21 Dec (KAM, CAT, TLK); 8, Rend L, 20 Dec & 1 Jan (KAM, MSS, DMK).

Common Goldeneye

MC: 8000, Rend L, 20 Dec (DMK); 5400, Carl.L, 2 Jan (KAM); 1439, Heidecke L (Grundy Co), 28 Feb (CAT); 1000, Nauvoo (Hancock Co), 12 Dec (MJB); 800, L&D #14 (Rock Island Co), 1 Feb (EWW); 500, LShel., 3 Jan (DMK, MSS, SDB et al.). **Others:** 500, Kane Co, 1 Feb (ADF); 400, HL, 17 Dec (DMK); 310, Morris (Grundy Co), 31 Jan (EWW); 280, LCal, 23 Feb (DFS); 177, Chau, 5 Dec (RGB, SNB); 177, Rock R (Whiteside Co), 3 Jan (KJM, SV, m.ob.); 150, Clin.L, 17 Jan (GSL, RK); 150, L&D #21 (Adams Co), 5 Dec (AGD); 130, Lake Co, 3 Jan (EWW); 120, Chi, 24 Jan (GAW); 90, Kank., 31 Jan (JBH); 70, Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co), 1 Feb (JBH); 50, L Spfld (Sangamon Co), 6 Dec (KAM). Considerably more abundant this winter, especially in s. IL.



Two Long-tailed Ducks at Lake Shelbyville, Shelby County. 3 January 2009. Photo by Greg Lambeth.

Red-throated Loon at Winthrop Harbor, Lake County. 9 February 2009. Photo by Nolan Lameka.

BARROW'S GOLDENEYE

female, Cook Co, 14-18 Feb & 23-28 Feb (SGS*; NAL*).

Hooded Merganser

MC: 224, Crab Or., 21 Dec (KAM, CAT, TLK); 147, Chau, 30 Jan (RGB, SNB); 120, Carl.L, 7 Dec (DMK, MSS); 60, Bald.L, 18 Jan (TJD); 36, Will Co, 8 Feb (DFS); 32, Rend L, 20 Dec (KAM, MSS); 28, Clin.L, 21 Jan (MEF). **Others:** 18, Miss. R (Adams Co), 27 Feb (AGD); 17, Wauk., 1 Jan (EWW); 17, LCal, 3 Jan (WJM); 12, St. Clair Co, 30 Dec (TJD); 10, HL, 2 Jan (DMK, MSS); 8, Kank., 23 Dec (JBH); 6, Grundy Co, 28 Feb (CAT).

Common Merganser

MC: 1500, Powerton L (Tazewell Co), 5 Feb (MJB, KBR); 1315, Illinois R (La Salle Co), 8 Feb (GAW); 1143, Chi, 25 Dec (GAW); 1000, Nauvoo (Hancock Co), 12 Dec (MJB); 400, Carl.L, 23 & 25 Dec (DMK, MSS); 200, Miss. R (Madison Co), 30 Dec (DMK, MSS). **Others:** 975, Wauk., 1 Jan (EWW); 922, Heidecke L (Grundy Co), 28 Feb (CAT); 680, Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 22 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 593, LCal, 22 Feb (WJM); 569, Clear L (Mason Co), 13 Feb (RGB, SNB); 421, Clin.L, 4 Feb (MEF).

Red-breasted Merganser

MC: 1092, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 27 Dec (GAW); 365, LCal, 23 Feb (DFS); 300, Winthrop H, 31 Jan (KAM); 60, Carl.L, 22 Feb (DMK); 47, Rend L, 25 Feb (LS); 14, Miss. R (Hancock Co), 3 Jan (AGD); 6, Shelby Co, 3 Jan (CAT, TLK). **Others:** 8 (males), L Charleston (Coles Co), 22 Feb> (TAM, TDF); 5 (males), East Fork L (Richland Co), 8 Feb> (CLH); 4, Mazonia-Braidwd, 10 Dec (JBH); 4, Chau, 13 Feb (RGB, SNB); 3-4, L Spfld (Sangamon Co), Jan (HDB); 4, Crab Or., 21 Dec (CAT, KAM, TLK); 2, Ogle Co, 31 Jan (CAT, TLK); 2 (pr.), Kank., 23 Dec (JBH); 2, Miss. R (Madison Co), 30 Dec (DMK, MSS).

Ruddy Duck

MC: 364, Rend L, 25 Feb (LS); 265, Chau, 13 Feb (RGB, SNB); 250, Carl.L, 25 Feb (KAM); 80, Miss. R (Madison Co), 15 Feb (DMK, MSS). **Others:** 70, L Spfld (Sangamon Co), all Jan (HDB); 62, Carbondale Reservoir (Jackson Co), 25 Feb (SDB); 54, Crab Or., 9 Jan (KAM); 30, HL, 17 & 22 Dec (DMK, MSS); 19, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PM); 17, Bald.L, 27 Feb (SDB); 4, Peabody FWA, 7 Feb> (TJD); 2, Whalon L FP (Will Co), 14 Dec (UWG); 2, Mazonia-Braidwd, 5 Dec (JBH); 2, Rome (Peoria Co), 17 Dec (MJB); Wauk., 14 Feb> (MJB, AFS, m.ob.); Chi, 6 Dec (CAT, TLK); Nauvoo (Hancock Co), 30 Dec (UWG); Urb., 28 Feb (DLT).

Ring-necked Pheasant

MC: 30, LShel., 3 Jan (DMK, MSS); 25, Clin. L, 27 Dec (fide RLJ); 20, Carl.L, 8 Feb (DMK, MSS); 15, Kank., 4 Feb (JBH); 15, Champaign Co, 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 6, Afton FP (De Kalb Co), 24 Jan (EWW); 6, Du Page Co, 23 Jan (JAS); 4 (2 males, 2 females), Wayne Fitzgerrell SP (Franklin Co), 5 Jan & 7 Feb (KAM). **Others:** Rend L, 20 Dec (KAM, MSS); HL, 22 Dec (DMK, MSS).

Greater Prairie-Chicken

77, PrRdg, 22 Dec (RES, SDB, JWW et al.).

Wild Turkey

MC: 100, Mackinaw Bluffs, 28 Jan (MEF); 93, Rend L, 20 Dec (CAT, TLK); 82, Brown, Morgan, Pike, Scott Cos, 16 Dec (TWd, m.ob.); 65, Rock Island & Whiteside Cos, 22 Dec (KJM, EAA, JH, RBg); 50, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 17 Dec (SDB); 50, Carl.L, 19 Jan (DMK, MSS); 47, Carroll & Whiteside Cos, 18 Dec (EAA, JH, m.ob.); 43, Fulton Co, 11 Jan (LLH). **Others:** 36, Aurora Bend (Clark Co), 15 Feb (EWW); 31, Hampton (Rock Island Co), 1 Feb (EWW); 29, Mercer Co, 23 Dec (WAB, m.ob.); 26, Oregon (Ogle Co), 18 Jan (DTW); 23, Lowden-Miller SF (Ogle Co), 8 Feb (CAT, TLK); 19, Rock Cut SP (Winnebago Co), 9 Jan (DTW); 19, Mazonia-Braidwd, 5 Dec (JBH); 15, Kickapoo SP (Vermilion Co), 18 Jan (BGS); 13, Jasper Co, 22 Dec (MPW, SDB); 12, Wood R (Madison Co), 1 Feb (DMK, MSS); 12, Mt. Vernon (Jefferson Co), 24 Feb (SDB); 11, Warren Co, 25 Jan (CAT); 9, Edwards Co, 20 Feb (RES); 4, Mason Co, 30 Dec (CAT); Kank., 13 & 15 Feb (JBH).

Northern Bobwhite

MC: 20, McDonough & Fulton Cos, 28 Dec (LLH); 20, Jasper Co, 2 Dec (RES); 18, Edwards Co, 17 Dec (RES); 13, Mercer Co, 23 Dec (KJM, SBH, CM, JMo); 6, Whiteside Co, 3 Jan (SBH). **Others:** 9, Peabody FWA, 31 Jan (TJD); 8, Franklin Co, 26 Feb (LS); 2, HL, 2 Jan (DMK, MSS); Carl.L, 13 Dec (DMK).

Red-throated Loon

MC: 3 ad., Wauk., 16 Feb (MAM, JAS). **Others:** 1BSP, 18 Feb (MJB); ad., Chi, 14 Feb (REF); Rend L, 20 Dec (*DMK).

Common Loon

MC: 2, Rend L, 20 Dec (KAM, MSS). **Others:** HL, 1 Dec (FRH); Peabody FWA, 20 Dec (TJD); Carl.L, 6 Dec (DMK, MSS); East Fork L (Richland Co), 4 Dec (CLH).

Pied-billed Grebe

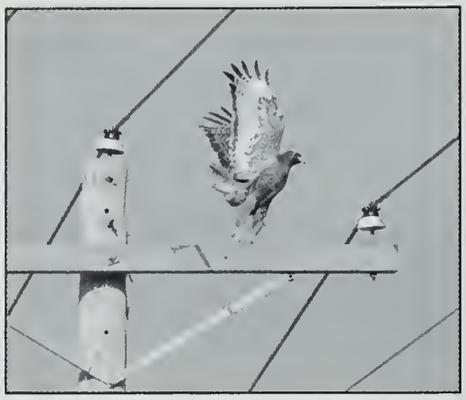
MC: 96, East Fork L (Richland Co), 25 Dec (CLH); 26, Rend L, 9 Dec (LS); 7, Jasper Co, 22 Dec (SDB, MPW, et al.); 7, Bald.L, 24 Feb (KAM); 5, Mazonia-Braidwd, 28 Dec (JBH). **Others:** 3, Crab Or., 21 Dec (CAT, KAM, TLK); 2, Chi, 6 Dec (CAT, TLK); 2, Clin. L, 14 Feb> (EWW); 2, HL, 17 Dec (DMK); 2, Carl.L, 6 & 13 Dec (DMK, MSS).

Horned Grebe

MC: 25, Bald.L, 18 Jan (TJD); 16, Rend L, 20 Dec (DMK). **Others:** 4, L Spfld (Sangamon Co), 1 Feb, but 1 there 27 Jan (HDB); 3, East Fork L (Richland Co), 27 Feb (CLH); 2, Chi, 28 Feb (KAB); LShel (Moultrie Co), 22 Feb> (TAM); HL, 22 Feb (FRH); Carl.L, 14 Dec (DMK).

Red-necked Grebe
Rend L, 4 Dee (LS).

American White Pelican
MC: 350, Bald.L, 27 Feb (SDB); 200, Rend L, 7 Feb (KAM); 75, Miss. R (Adams Co), 27 Feb (AGD); 66, Wayne Co, 13 Feb (CLH); 17, Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 14 Dec (*KR, CR). **Others** (outside southwest): 43, Edwards Co, 13 Feb (RES); 5, Clear L (Mason Co), 13 Feb (RGB, SNB); 2, Mazonia-Braidwd, 3 & 9 Dee (*JBH); L&D #17 (Mereer Co), 23 Dec (TM, *WZ).



'Western'(dark/rufous morph) Red-tailed Hawk, University of Illinois South Farms, Champaign County. 2 January 2009. Photo by Greg Lambeth. This dark/rufous morph red-tail has returned to the same area at the South Farms for at least eight years.

Albino Red-tailed Hawk at McKinley Park, Will County. 25 February 2009. Photo by Mark Bowman.

Double-crested Cormorant
MC: 200, Rend L, 6 Dee (DMK, MSS); 43, Mazonia-Braidwd, 7 Dee (JBH); 30, Carl.L, 6-7 Dee (DMK, MSS); 15, Miss. R (Roek Island Co), 14 Dee (KR, CR, m.ob.); 10, Chau, 5 Dee (RGB, SNB); 5, Powerton L (Tazewell Co), 5 Feb (MJB, KBR). **Others** (outside southwest): Wauk., 5 Dee (MJB, APS); LCal, 31 Jan (WJM, DKA, FM); JP, 24 Dee< (EJG).

Great Blue Heron
MC: 75, Brown, Morgan, Pike, Seott Cos, 16 Dee (TWd, m.ob.); 60, HL, 17 Dee (DMK); 50, Chau, 11 Dec (RGB, SNB); 29, Miss. R (Adams Co), 19 Jan (AGD); 21, Union Co, 29 Dee (SDB, PM); 14, Rend L, 20 Dee (DMK); 8, Mazonia-Braidwd, 11 Dec (JBH); 8, Carl. L, 16 Feb (DMK); 7, LCal, 25 Dec (WJM); 7, QC, 14 Dee (KJM, SBH, SC, m.ob.).

Great Egret
Sangamon Co, **all winter** (still present 5 Feb) (HDB). 1st eounty winter reeord.

Black-crowned Night-Heron
15, Granite City (Madison Co), all winter (FRH).

Black Vulture
8, Johnson Co, 5 Jan (KAM); Cobden (Union Co), 26 Feb (SDB).

Turkey Vulture
MC: 108, Bond Co, 21 Feb (MSS); 63, Effingham Co, 3 Jan (RES); 40+, Coles Co, 22 Feb (TAM, TDF); 26, Cumberland Co, 27 Dee (LBH); 12, Richland Co, 26 Jan (RES); 11, PrRdg, 22 Dee (fide JWW); 11, Harrisburg (Saline Co), 25 Feb (SDB); 11, Union & Jaekson Cos), 26 Feb (SDB); 10, Crab Orchard (Williamson Co), 25 Feb (SDB); 9, Bloomington (MeLean Co), 28 Feb> (MEF); 7, Pittsfield (Pike Co), 4 Jan (AGD). **Others:** 2, Danville, part of winter roost (Vermilion Co), 1 Jan (SDB, SLD); "a few", Spfld (Sangamon Co), all winter (HDB); Chieago Botanie Garden (Cook Co), 22 Jan (SLD); Cordova Twp (Roek Island Co), 9 Feb (MJB).

Bald Eagle
MC: 577, Miss. R (Henderson & Hancoek Cos), 24 Jan (CAT); 320 (230 ad., 55 imm., 35 others), Miss. R (Adams Co), 27 Feb (AGD); 178, Roek Island & Whiteside Cos, 22 Feb (UWG); 135, L&D #13 (Whiteside Co), 1 Feb (EWW); 80, Miss. R (Madison Co), 17 Jan (DMK, MSS); 60, HL, 17 Dee (DMK). **Others:** 162 (103 ad., 33 imm., 26 others), Mercer Co, 23 Dee (TM, WZ, m.ob.); 116, Illinois R (La Salle Co), 8 Feb (GAW, JHP); 108, Putnam & Bureau Cos, 20 Feb (DJS); 107 (46 ad., 61 imm.), Chau, 13 Feb (RGB, SNB); 74, Brown, Morgan, Pike, Scott Cos, 16 Dec (TWd, SDB, m.ob.); 43 (26 ad, 17 imm), Lost Mound NWR (Jo Daviess Co), 19 Dee (fide DGW); 41 (18 ad., 6 imm., 17 others), Whiteside & Lee Cos, 3 Jan (AT, ET, m.ob.); 30, Carl.L, 17 Jan (DMK, MSS); 17 (3 ad., 14 imm.), Vandalia (Fayette Co), 20 Feb (MAH); 17 (10 ad., 7 imm.), Monroe Co, 11 Feb (CCD, PPD); 15 (1 ad., 14 imm.), Rend L, 8 Dee (KAM); 10, Grundy Co, 28 Feb (CAT); 9 (3 ad., 6 imm.), Pecatonica R (Stephenson & Winnebago Cos), 28 Feb (DTW); 9 (2 ad., 7 imm.), Crab Or., 21 Dec (KAM, CAT, TLK); 9 (3 ad, 6 imm), Horseshoe Lake FWA (Alexander Co), 28 Dee (SDB, PM); 8 (5 ad., 3 imm.), McDonough & Fulton Cos, 28 Dee (LLH); 8 (3 ad, 5 imm), Union Co, 29 Dec (SDB, PM); 4, Knox Co, 12 Jan (MJB, DJM); 3 (2 ad., 1 imm.), LCal, 18 Jan (WJM); 3 (ad.), Danville (Vermilion Co), 1 Jan (SDB, SLD); 3 imm., Coles Co, 22 Feb (TAM, TDF); 3 (2 ad., 1 imm.), Cypress Creek NWR (Union & Pulaski Cos), 5 Jan (KAM); 2 (1 ad., 1 imm.), Boone Co, 4-5 Jan (AEB); 2 (ad), MeHenry Dam, Moraine Hills SP (MeHenry Co), 20 Dee & 3 Jan (BJS, RG); 2 imm., Winthrop H, 20 Dee (EWW, m.ob.); 2 (ad. pr building nest), Jan – early Feb (HDB); 2, PrRdg, 22 Dee (fide JWW); 2 (pr.), East Fork L (Richland Co), 1 Jan-28 Feb (CLH); Riverbend FP (Champaign Co) (imm), 15 Feb (CKA); Mahomet Twp (Champaign Co) (1st yr), 3 Jan (RDD); Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co) (ad), 17 Dee (SDB); Shelby Co, 3 Jan (CAT, TLK). Considerably less numerous this winter, espeeially in n. IL.

Northern Harrier
MC: 41, PrRdg, 22 Dee (JWW, SDB, m.ob.); 10, Carl.L, 13 Dee (DMK, MSS); 9, Springbrook Pr FP (Du Page Co), 5 Jan (JAS); 9, Hennepin L, 20 Feb (DJS); 9, Coles Co, 20 Dee (LBH, m.ob.); 7, Hunter (Edgar Co), 14 Feb (EWW); 6, Rend L, 20 Dec (KAM, MSS); 5, Grundy Co, 28 Feb (CAT); 5, Champaign Co, 20 Dec (SDB, m.ob.); 5, Morgan/Cass/Brown Cos, 16 Dec (SDB, et al.); 5, Effingham Co, 31 Jan (MAH); 4, Mereer Co, 23 Dee (WAB, CM, JMo); 4, LShel., 3 Jan (SDB, TAM); 4, Randolph & St. Clair Cos, 27 Feb (SDB); 4 (2 males, 2 females), Monroe Co, 14 Dee (CCD, PPD); 3, Whiteside & Lee Cos, 3 Jan (SBH, KJM, SV).

Sharp-shinned Hawk
MC: 4, Mercer Co, 23 Dec (KJM, SBH, WAB); 2, Whiteside Co, 3 Jan (SBH); 2 ad., Naehusa Grasslands (Lee Co), 13 Dee (EWW); 2, Roek Island Co, 22 Dee (KJM, EAA, JH, RBg); 2, Monee (Will Co), 4 Jan (ABA); 2, Will Co, 28 Feb (EWW); 2, Kank., 3 Jan (JBH); 2, Carl.L, 19 Jan (DMK, MSS). Widespread reports of singles, espeeially in n. IL.

Cooper's Hawk
MC: 16, Rockfd, 20 Dec (DTW, m.ob.); 4, Lost Mound NWR (Jo Daviess Co), 19 Dee (fide DGW); 4 (2 ad., 2 imm.), Kank., 14 Feb (JBH); 3, Cook & Du Page Cos, 14 Dee (GAW); 3, Mercer Co, 23 Dee (WAB, m.ob.); 3, Champaign County, 28 Jan (SDB); 3, Carl.L, 2 Jan (KAM); 2, Carroll Co, 18 Dee (KJM, LB, JS, DF); 2, Afton FP (De Kalb Co), 13 Feb (DJS); 2, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 1 Jan

Rough-legged Hawk at Margaret Guzy Pothole Wetlands, Shelby County. 1 February 2009. Photo by Travis A. Mahan.

Rough-legged Hawk in Vermilion County. Late January 2009. Photo by Bob Schifo.

Rough-legged Hawk finishing feeding on a vole, Springbrook Prairie Forest Preserve, DuPage County. 7 January 2009. Photo by Brian Tang.

(TJD); 2, Horseshoe Lake FWA (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (SDB, PM). Many additional reports of singles, primarily in n. half of IL.

Northern Goshawk

Two reports: imm., Wauk., 25 Jan (MJB); imm., Danville (Vermilion Co), 8 Feb (BS).

Red-shouldered Hawk

MC: 9, Union Co, 29 Dec (SDB, PM); 7, Horseshoe Lake FWA (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 4, Rend L, 12 Feb (LS); 3, Crab Or., 21 Dec (KAM, CAT, TLK); 3, Trail of Tears SF (Union Co), 26 Feb (SDB); 2, Edwards Co, 21 Dec (RES); 2, Carl.L, 11 Jan (DMK, MSS); 2, Washington Co, 16 Feb (TJD); 2, Lost Mound NWR (Jo Daviess Co), 19 Dec (fide DGW). **Others** (central & north)**:** Pistakee Bog (Lake Co), 1 Feb (SDB); imm., IBSP, 23 Dec (*EWW); Lowden-Miller SF (Ogle Co), 4 Feb (AS et al.); De Kalb Co, 7 Dec (UWG); imm., Rock Island Co, 2 Jan (CM, JMo); ad., Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 3 Feb (KJM); L Rawson (Bureau Co), 30 Jan (DFS); La Salle Co, 1 Jan (DJS); ad., Spoon L (Knox Co), 13 Dec (MJB, DJM); Grundy Co, 14 Feb (DFS); imm., Kank., 12 Jan (JBH); Big R SF (Henderson Co), 29 Dec (UWG); ad., Bardolph (McDonough Co), 16 Feb (LLH); Iroquois Co CA (Iroquois Co), 27 Feb (JBH); Clin. L, 3 Jan (RDD); Meadowbrook P, Urb., 20 Dec – 31 Jan (GSL ph, SDB, RK); imm., Eagle Creek SP (Shelby Co), 3 Jan (MAH). Lower numbers this winter.

Red-tailed Hawk

MC: 50, Mackinaw Bluffs, 28 Dec (MEF); 43, McDonough & Fulton Cos, 28 Dec (LLH, m.ob.); 39, Rock Island Co, 2 Jan (WZ, RS, m.ob.); 34, Mercer Co, 23 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 31, QC, 14 Dec (KJM, SBH, SC, m.ob.); 27, Coles Co, 20 Dec (LBH, m.ob.); 26, Bureau & Putnam Cos, 31 Jan & 20 Feb (DJS); 25, Lee & Whiteside Cos, 3 Jan (KJM, SV, m.ob.); 24, Carl.L, 8 Feb (DMK, MSS); 21, Champaign Co, 2 Jan (DFS); 19, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 18 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 17, Will Co, 1 Feb (DFS); 11, Franklin Co, 1 Feb (LS). **Others:** "Western" subspecies, Bartel Grasslands FP (Cook Co), 14 Feb (WJM, JRS); "Western" intermediate morph, Lee Co, 8 Feb (CAT ph, TLK); dark morph, Livingston Co, 31 Jan (KAM); "Western" subspecies (rufous morph), Urb., 2 - 26 Jan (GSL ph, SR). Present many years running in this area; mostly albino, Channahon (Will Co), 7 Feb (RSr, JDn). Present here for at least a couple years.; mostly albino (but reddish tail), Mounds (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (SDB, PM).

Rough-legged Hawk

MC: 18, Lee & Whiteside Cos, 3 Jan (KJM, SV, m.ob.); 18, Rock Island Co, 2 Jan (WZ, RS, m.ob.); 18, Mackinaw Bluffs, 8 Feb (MEF); 13, Putnam & Bureau Cos, 31 Dec (DJS); 9, Mercer Co, 23 Dec (WAB, m.ob.); 9, Champaign Co, 31 Jan (GSL); 8, Springbrook Pr FP (Du Page Co), 3 Jan (JLS); 8, Ogle Co, 14 Dec (EWW, JMk); 4, Knox Co, 8 Feb (MJB); 4, Champ. to Mattoon (Coles Co), 30 Jan (DLT); 2 (1 light morph, 1 dark morph), Moultrie Co, 1 Feb (TAM); 2 (light morphs), Guzy Pr (Shelby Co), 1 Feb (TAM ph); 2 (1 light morph, 1 dark morph), Carl.L, 13 Dec & 31 Jan (DMK); 2, Rend L, 20 Dec (CAT, TLK). **Others** (s. half of state)**:** 3, Quincy (Adams Co), 26 Jan (AGD); (light morph), Coles Co, 24 Jan (KAM, DMK, MSS); Crawford Co, 8 Jan (CLH); Monroe Co, 28 Dec (CCD, PPD). Best flight in years in Sangamon County (HDB). More common and widely distributed this winter.

Golden Eagle

imm., Hanover Twp (Jo Daviess Co), 16 Feb (MJB, APS); imm., Buffalo Twp (Ogle Co), 26 Jan (AA); 2 (ads), Green Oaks FS & Copley Twp (Knox Co), 13 Dec (JWW & JMy resp); Morgan Co, 16 Dec (MPW); imm., Lincoln Trails SP (Clark Co), 15 Feb (*EWW).

American Kestrel

MC: 20, Mackinaw Bluffs, 28 Dec (MEF); 17, McDonough & Fulton Cos, 28 Dec (LLH, m.ob.); 16, Carl.L, 6 Dec (DMK, MSS); 11, Mercer Co, 23 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 10, La Salle Co, 8 Feb (GAW, JHP); 8, Rock Island Co, 2 Jan (KJM, SV, MJR, m.ob.); 8, Rend L, 20 Dec (KAM, MSS); 8, Union Co, 5 Jan (KAM).

Merlin

Rockfd, 20 Dec & 20,23,28 Jan (*DTW, BCW, MJB, APS); McHenry Dam, Moraine Hills SP (McHenry Co), 20 Dec & 3 Jan (BJS, RG & KL, m.ob. resp); Nachusa Twp (Lee Co), 26 Jan (AA); Hillside (Cook Co), 23 Jan (DFS); Chi (Columbus P), 8 Dec & 29 Jan (EG); Niles (Cook Co), 1 -25 Jan (JWL, TL); Oak Lawn (Cook Co) (ad male), 22 Feb (KL); female, JP, 8 Dec & 6 Feb (SBB & KKM); male, Mercer Co, 23 Dec (TM, *WZ); Galesburg (Knox Co), 14 Feb (JMy); Kank., 11 & 23 Dec & 3 & 25 Jan (BRf, *JBH); Evergreen L (McLean Co), 26 Jan (MJW); Mason Co, 30 Dec (CAT); Savoy (Champaign Co),

Wintering Peregrine Falcon, west of Champaign, Champaign County. 11 January 2009. Photo by Greg Lambeth.

22 & 24 Jan (MAM, JAS & DMK, MSS); St. Joseph (Champaign Co), 20 Dee (MPW); Crawford Co, 12 Feb (RES, CLH); Carl.L, 31 Jan (DMK); Marion Co, 2 Feb (RES, CLH). **Others** ("**Richardson's**" or "Prairie"subspecies): Sangamon Co, 14 Jan (HDB); Clin.L, 27 Dec & 21 Jan (fide RLJ & *MEF resp). Winter reeords for Merlin continue to inerease. Bohlen (1978) eonsidered this speeies a "very rare winter resident".

Peregrine Falcon

MC: 2 (pr.), Wauk., 31 Dee-3 Jan (EWW); 2, Les Arends FP (Kane Co), 4 Jan (KL). **Others:** ad., Roekfd, 7 & 27 Dee (DTW, BCW); ad., Kane Co, 20 Dee (MAM); Chi, 24 Feb (MJB); ad., LCal, 27 Dec & 29 Jan (WJM); Moline (Roek Island Co), 2 Feb (KJM); Champ. (2nd bird? west of town), 11-31 Jan (GSL ph, et al.); Champ. (roosting on building in town), 12 Dec – 16 Jan (RK, GSL); Urb., 3 Jan (EJC); Fairmount (Vermilion Co), 25 Feb (BP); Madison Co, 8 Dec (FRH); Marion Co, 14 Jan (RES); East St. Louis (St. Clair Co), 14 Jan (KAM); Columbia (Monroe Co), 25 Jan (*DMK); imm., Randolph Co, 11 Jan (TJD).

PRAIRIE FALCON

Taylor Twp (Ogle Co), 18 Jan (KL); Champ, 10-16 Jan (BP ph, GSL ph, TB).

Virginia Rail

IBSP, **31 Dec - 9 Jan** (EWW, *GAW); St. Clair Co, **20 Dec** (TJD); Wolf Lake (Union Co) (2 calling), **29 Dec** (*SDB, PM).

Sora

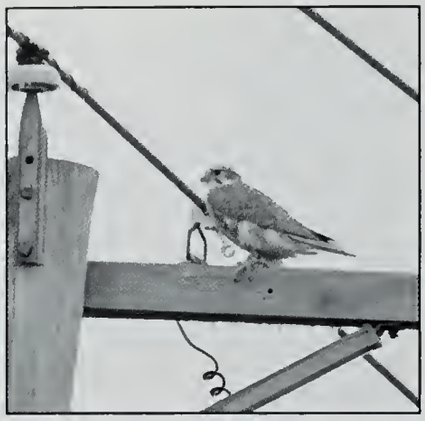
Wolf Lake (Union Co) (ealling), **29 Dec** (*SDB, PM).

American Coot

MC: 120, Brown, Morgan, Pike, Scott Cos, 16 Dee (TWd, m.ob.); 60, Rend L, 8 Dee (KAM); 32, Chi, 5 Dee (DFS); 21, LCal, 18 Jan (WJM); 20, Crab Or., 9 Jan (KAM); 10, Mazonia-Braidwd, 12 Feb (JBH). **Others:** 9, Whalon L FP (Will Co), 14 Dee (UWG); 7, Shelby Co, 3 Jan (CAT, TLK); 7, Carl.L, 21 Dee (DMK, MSS); 6, Bald.L, 24 Feb (KAM); 6, World Shooting Complex, Sparta (Randolph Co), 27 Feb (SDB); 2, HL, 30 Dee (DMK, MSS); 2, Horseshoe Lake FWA (Alexander Co), 28 Dee (SDB, PM); Urb., 7 Feb (GSL). Poorest season sinee 1996-1997.

Sandhill Crane

MC: 80, Boone Co, 10 Dec (AEB); 70, Mazonia-Braidwd, 10 Dee (JBH); 66, East Fork L (Riehland Co), 20 Feb (CLH); 43, Chi, 6 Dec (CAT, TLK); 25, Edwards Co, 25 Feb (RES); 20, Coles Co, 26 Feb (GC, RB). **Others:** 31, Woodridge (Du Page Co), 4 Dee (JAS); 25, Hennepin L, 23 Feb (MJB); 17, Trail of Tears SF (Union Co), 26 Feb (SDB); 13, Vermilion Co, 27 Feb (BS); 3, Beckemeyer (Clinton Co), 1 Jan (DW); Jasper Co, 13 Jan (*RES); Lily L (MeHenry Co), 25 Feb> (ADF). All reeords represent late fall or early spring migrant flocks exeept for two January reeords.



Prairie Falcon in Champaign County. 10 January 2009. Photo by Brock Price.

Killdeer

MC: 36, Bald.L, 24 Feb (KAM); 30, Carl.L, 8 Feb (DMK, MSS); 22, Santa Fe Bottoms (Clinton Co), 22 Feb (KAM); 13, Boone Co, 11 Feb (AEB); 10, Ten Mile Creek FWA (Jefferson Co), 24 Feb (SDB); 10, World Shooting Complex, Sparta (Randolph Co), 27 Feb (SDB); 8, Chau, 27 Feb (RGB, SNB); 5, Mereer Co, 23 Dee (CM, JMo, KJM, SBH). **Others** (eentral & north): 2, Chi, 1 Dee (GN); 2, L&D #13 (Whiteside Co), 18 Dee (KJM, LB, JS, DF); 2, Subat FP (Kendall Co), 15 Feb> (UWG); 2, Kank., 15 Feb (JBH); 2, Will Co, 25 Feb (JAS); Champaign Co, 13 & 20 Dee (GSL); Wauk., 21 Feb (EWW). Most early Dee and late Feb reeords represent migrant birds.

LESSER YELLOWLEGS

Whalon L FP (Will Co), **26 Feb** (JAS).

SPOTTED SANDPIPER

Rend L, **6 & 13 Jan & 10 Feb** (LS).

SANDERLING

Rend L, 9 Dee (LS).

LEAST SANDPIPER

Rend L, 20 Dee (LS); UCCA, 29 Dee (SDB, PM).

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER

Chi, 3-4 Dee (RDH, *KH).

Wilson's Snipe

MC: 14, Brown, Morgan, Pike, Seott Cos, 16 Dee (TWd, m.ob.); 8, Rend L, 8 Dee (KAM); 2, Mereer Co, 23 Dee (TM, WZ). **Others:** Du Page Co, 28 Feb (UWG); Whalon L FP (Will Co), 14 Dee (UWG); Fayette Co, 24 Feb (MAH); Jasper Co, 24 Feb (RES); Peabody FWA, 25 Feb> (TJD); Harrisburg (Saline Co), 25 Feb (SDB); Mermet L SP (Massae Co), 5 Jan (KAM).

American Woodcock

MC: 12, Ten Mile Creek FWA, Eads Unit (Jefferson Co), 24 Feb (SDB); 12, Peabody FWA, 23 Feb (TJD); 10, Carl.L, 16 Feb (DMK); 10, Pinckneyville (Perry Co), 26 Feb (SDB). **Others:** 2, St. Clair Co, 7 Feb (TJD); 2, Wayne Fitzgerrell SP (Franklin Co), 7 Feb (KAM); 2, Edwards Co, 18 Feb (RES); 2, Monroe Co, 26 Feb (CCD, PPD); Riverbend FP (Champaign Co), 15 Feb (CKA); Mahomet (Champaign Co), 14 Feb (RDD). Good numbers, presumably all involving spring migrants.

LAUGHING GULL

MC: 2 ad., Miss. R (Madison Co), **2 Jan** (*DMK, MSS)--the only winter-season eount greater than one. **Others:** ad., Carl.L, **10 Jan** (*DMK, MSS)--latest winter date other than possible over-wintering in 2000-2001; Rend L, **20 Dec** (RES, CLH); Crab Or., **21 Dec** (RMR, *KAM, CAT, TLK); The largest number of reports for any winter season.

FRANKLIN'S GULL

HL, **15 Feb** (FRH).

Bonaparte's Gull

MC: 3000, Rend L, 6 Dee (DMK, MSS); 297, Kidd L Marsh, 9 Feb (CCD, PPD); 200, White Co, 18 Dee (CLH); 120, Carl.L, 14 Dee (DMK). **Others:** 13, Wabash Co, 9 Dee (RES); 12, Jasper Co, 12 Dec (CLH).

Iceland Gull in Clinton County. 14 January 2009. Photo by Bill Rudden.

Iceland Gull at Lake Shelbyville, Shelby County. 3 January 2009. Photo by Greg Lambeth.

Thayer's Gull, Alton, Madison County. 25 January 2009. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Ring-billed Gull

MC: **80,000**, Carl.L, 1 Jan (DMK, MSS)--**ties previous winter high count** obtained at same site in 2003; **17,500**, Rend L, 8 Dec (KAM); 12,000, Kaskaskia R (St. Clair Co), 23 Dec (TJD); 3500, Miss. R (Adams Co), 27 Feb (AGD); 2800, Miss. R (Hancock Co), 5 Dec (AGD); 1168, QC, 14 Dec (KR, CR, m.ob.); 458, Chi, 5 Dec (GAW). **Others:** 6000, Miss. R (Madison Co), 30 Dec (DMK, MSS); 1200, Crab Or., 9 Jan (KAM); 1000 (migrant flock feeding in a soybean stubble field), Tonti Twp (Marion Co), 27 Feb (SDB); 904, Shelby Co, 3 Jan (CAT, TLK); 786, Union Co, 29 Dec (SDB, PM); 623, Chau, 27 Feb (RGB, SNB); 550, L Spfld (Sangamon Co), 6 Dec (KAM). Record numbers in s. IL; low tallies in n. IL.

[WESTERN GULL

1st, Clinton Co, 28 Jan.]

CALIFORNIA GULL

ad., Winthrop H, 3 & 6 Dec (EWW & RDH resp).

Herring Gull

MC: 6000, Winthrop H, 21 Feb (GAW); 1000, Carl.L, 6 & 11 Jan (DMK, MSS); 500, Miss. R (Madison Co), 18 Jan (DMK, MSS); 267, Illinois R (La Salle Co), 8 Feb (GAW); 48, Chau, 27 Dec (RGB, SNB); 15, Kank., 20 Dec (JBH). **Others:** 218, Rock R (Whiteside Co), 3 Jan (KJM, SV, m.ob.); 210, Rend L, 20 Dec (DMK); 170, Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co), 1 Feb (JBH); 134, QC, 14 Dec (KJM, SBH, SC, m.ob.). [**Extralimital forms:** "**VEGA GULL**" (form *vegae*): ad., Franklin Co, 20 Dec (*DMK, MSS); ad., Clinton Co, 6 & 10 Jan, 16 & 22 Feb (*DMK, MSS); "**CASPIAN GULL**" (form *cachinnans*): ad., Miss. R (Madison Co), 25 Jan (*DMK, MSS). The taxonomic status of both forms is subject to debate.]

Thayer's Gull

MC: 10 (6 ad., 3 1st, 1 2nd), Winthrop H, 21 Feb (GAW); 10 (8 ad., 2 1st), Miss. R (Madison Co), 18 Jan (DMK, MSS); 5 (1 ad., 3 1st, 1 2nd), Chi, 22 Feb (GAW); 4, IBSP, 22 Jan (EWW); 4 (1 ad., 2 1st, 1 2nd), Carl.L, 19 Jan (DMK, MSS). **Others:** ad., Rock R (Whiteside Co), 3 Jan (KJM, SV); ad., Powerton L (Tazewell Co), 30 Dec (UWG); ad., Miss. R (Adams Co), 6 Feb (AGD); 2nd, L Decatur (Macon Co), 9 Jan (TAM); ad., L Decatur (Macon Co), 15 Jan (TAM).

Iceland Gull

MC: **8** (2 ad., 5 1st, 1 3rd), Winthrop H, 21 Feb (GAW, m.ob.); 5 (2 ad., 3 1st), L&D #26 (Madison Co), 24 Jan (KAM); 2 ad., Chi, 28 Feb (MJB); 2 ("Kumlien's"--1 ad., 1 1st), Carl.L, 6 & 10-14 Jan (DMK, MSS, WMR ph). **Others:** 2nd, Winthrop H, 6 Jan (*EWW); ad., Wauk., 1 Jan (*EWW); 1st, Chi, 22 Feb (WJM); ad (11-26 Jan) & 2nd (22 Jan) & 1st (26 Jan), L Spfld (Sangamon Co) (HDB); L Decatur (Macon Co), 23 Feb (MFD); 1st ("Kumlien's"), Wolf Creek SP (Shelby Co), 3 Jan (TAM, DMK, SDB, GSL:ph, et al.); 2nd, L&D #26 (Madison Co), 27 Dec (KAM, CJL). A good season for this species.

Lesser Black-backed Gull

MC: 4 (2 ad., 1 1st, 1 2nd), Winthrop H, 20 Dec (EWW, m.ob.); 4 (3 ad., 1 3rd), Carl.L, 19 Jan (DMK, MSS). **Others:** 2 (1 ad., 1 2nd), Wauk., 30 Dec - 4 Jan (*EWW); 2 (1 ad., 1 1st), L&D #26 (Madison Co), 24 Jan (KAM); 2 ad., HL, 17 Dec (DMK); 2 (1 1st, 1 2nd), Carl. L, 15 Dec (DMK); ad., Chi, 8 Feb (LGM); Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co), 1 Feb (JBH); ad., Tazewell Co, 25 Jan (MJW); ad., L Decatur (Macon Co), 14 Jan (TAM); L Charleston (Coles Co), 20 Dec & 23 Feb (RB); ad., Rend L, 6 Dec - 5 Jan (DMK, KAM, MSS).

[SLATY-BACKED GULL

1st, Clinton Co, 16 Feb.]

[GLAUCOUS-WINGED GULL

1st, Madison Co, 7-20 Dec; Lake Co, 1 Feb.]

Glaucous Gull

MC: 6 (5 ad., 1 1st), Chi, 22 Feb (WJM); 4 (1 ad., 3 1st), Winthrop H, 21 Feb (GAW, m.ob.); 3 (1 ad., 2 1st), Miss. R (Madison Co), 17-18 Jan (DMK, MSS). **Others:** 2 ad., LCal, 18 Jan (WJM); 2nd, 14-17 Jan & 1st 30 Jan, L Spfld (Sangamon Co) (HDB); 2 1st, Carl.L, 6 & 10 Jan (DMK, MSS); 2nd, Chi, 18 Dec & 3 Feb (KH, DFS); Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 21 Dec (KJM, SBH); 2nd, L Decatur (Macon Co), 20 Dec (MFD); 2nd, Miss. R (Madison Co), 25 Jan (DMK, MSS); ad., Carl.L, 28 Jan (*DMK).

Great Black-backed Gull

MC: **16** (6 ad., 8 1st, 1 2nd, 1 3rd), Chi, 19 & 22 Feb (DFS, WJM); 4 (1 ad., 3 1st), Winthrop H, 21 Feb (GAW, m.ob.). **Others:** 2 1st, Miss. R (Madison Co), 27 Jan (DMK); 2nd, Winthrop H, 6 Jan (EWW); Evergreen L (McLean Co), 12 Feb (DEB, LA); 1st, L Spfld (Sangamon Co), 26-28 Jan (HDB).

Rock Pigeon

MC: 575, QC, 14 Dec (KR, CR, m.ob.); 546, Kank., 9 Dec (JBH); 505, McLean Co, 22 Jan (DFS); 200, Champaign Co, 27 Dec & 24 Jan (DMK, MSS); 200, Granite City (Madison Co), 22 & 26 Dec (DMK, MSS); 200, Carl.L, 19 Jan (DMK, MSS); 196, Schuyler Co, 25 Jan (CAT); 166, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 18 Dec (KJM, m.ob.).

Eurasian Collared-Dove

MC: **55**, Geneseo (Henry Co), 19 Feb (SBH ph); **31**, e. Knox Co, 13 Dec (fide JMy); **21**, Carl.L, 15 Dec (KAM); **20**, Granite City (Madison Co), 26 Dec (DMK, MSS); **20**, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 26 Dec (TJD); 17, Newtown (Vermilion Co), 1 Jan (EJC); 11, Sullivan

(Moultrie Co), 22 Feb (TDF, TAM); 9, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 8, Thomasboro (Champaign Co), 5 Jan (SDB); 5, Kank., 14 Feb (JBH); 4, Mazonia-Braidwd, 10,18 Dec (JBH). **Others:** 7, Rend L, 20 Dec (KAM, MSS); 3, Cordova (Rock Island Co), 22 Dec (KJM); 3, Decatur (Macon Co), 1 Feb (TAM); 3, Paris (Edgar Co), 15 Feb (EWW); 3, Newton (Jasper Co), 22 Dec (SDB, MPW); Brookfield (Cook Co), 29 Jan (CAT); Annawan (Henry Co), 1 Feb (EWW); Joliet (Will Co), 28 Feb (EWW); Urb., 24 Jan (DMK, MSS, TAM).

Mourning Dove

MC: 238, Mercer Co, 23 Dec (TM, WZ, m.ob.); 212, Carroll & Whiteside Cos, 18 Dec (EAA, JH, m.ob.); 150, Carl.L, 19 Jan (DMK, MSS); 122, McDonough Co, 6 Jan (LLH); 121, Schuyler Co, 25 Jan (CAT); 117, QC, 14 Dec (KJM, SBH, SC, m.ob.); 110, PrRdg, 22 Dec (fide JWW); 107, Champaign Co, 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 106, Shelby Co, 3 Jan (CAT, TLK); 100, Kank., 26 Jan (JBH); 90, Downers Grove (Du Page Co), 14 Jan (REF, KDF); 77, Rock Island Co, 2 Jan (CM, JMo, m.ob.); 75, St. Clair Co, 24 Feb (KAM). Lowest numbers since 2001-2002.

Monk Parakeet

MC: **56**, Burnham (Cook Co), 1 Jan (JAS, MAM); 22, LCal, 31 Jan (WJM, DKA, FM).

BARN OWL

Eldon Hazlet SP (Clinton Co), 24 Jan (MSS).

Eastern Screech-Owl

MC: 10, no. Vermilion Co, 1 Jan (SDB); 9, Lake Co, 31 Dec (EWW); 9, Kankakee Co, 1 Jan (DFS); 7, Whiteside & Lee Cos, 3 Jan (SBH, KJM, SV); 6, Cook & Du Page Cos, 14 Dec (CAT, TLK); 6, Carl.L, 30 Jan (DMK); 6, Rend L, 20 Dec (DMK); 5, Rock Island Co, 2 Jan (KJM, SV, MJR); 4, Palos (Cook Co), 14 Dec (WJM, WSS, SCi); 4, Champaign Co, 31 Jan (GSL); **Others:** 2, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 17 Dec (SDB); 2,

Snowy Owl, LaSalle County. 10 February 2009. Photo by Brian Tang.

Alexander Co, 28 Dec (SDB, PM); Volo Bog SNA (Lake Co) (red morph), 31 Jan (SDB); Trail of Tears SF (Union Co), 26 Feb (SDB).

Great Horned Owl

MC: 11, Lee & Whiteside Cos, 3 Jan (KJM, SV, SBH); 7, no. Vermilion Co, 1 Jan (SDB); 6, Carl.L, 30 Jan (DMK); 5, Mackinaw Bluffs, 11 Jan (MEF); 5, Ten Mile Creek FWA, Eads Unit (Jefferson Co), 24 Feb (SDB); 4, Lake Co, 31 Dec & 1 Jan (EWW); 4, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 18 Dec (EAA, JH, m.ob.); 4, QC, 14 Dec (KJM, SBH, SC); 4, Mercer Co, 23 Dec (KJM, SBH); 4, Sam Parr FWA (Jasper Co), 22 Dec (SDB, MPW); 3, Rock Island Co, 21 Dec (KJM, SBH, SV); 3, Kank., 3 Jan (JBH); 3, Union Co, 29 Dec (SDB, PM); 2, IBSP (south unit), 3 Dec (JRG); 2, Crab Or., 25 Feb (SDB).

Snowy Owl

MC: **4**, La Salle Co, 7 Feb (JAS), thru period (SDB). **Others:** De Kalb Co, 2- 8 Dec & 8 Feb (MJB, APS, SDB, DJS, GAW); Wilmette (Cook Co), 20 Dec (GN); Chi (west side), 4-7 Dec (CAT, m.ob.); Chi, 25 Feb (ADF, GAW); LCal, 21 Feb (fide CAM); Kewanee Airport (Henry Co) (ad female), 23 Feb (DL ph in local newspaper); Princeton (Bureau Co) (ad male), 24 -27 Feb (DBJ, MAM, APS, AFS, SP); Warren Co, 31 Dec (JF); **Brown Co**, Dec 2 (TH, TWd) /**Pike Co**, 7 Dec (JMy, BAd). Same bird near county line; **Carl.L**, 10 Dec (MSS, DR, GR).

Snowy Owl at Christy Webber Landscape, west side of Chicago, Cook County. Early December 2008. Photo by Mark Bowman.

Some of the 51 Eurasian Collared-Doves seen perched on fences in Geneseo, Henry County. 20 February 2009. Photo by Steve Hager.

Barred Owl

MC: 8, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 7, Rock Island Co, 2 Jan (KJM, SV, MJR, m.ob.); 6, Mackinaw Bluffs, 11 Jan (MEF); 6, no. Vermilion Co, 1 Jan (SDB); 6, Union Co, 29 Dec (SDB, PM); 5, LShel, 3 Jan (SDB, TAM); 4, Rend L, 20 Dec (KAM, MSS, DMK); 3, Whiteside & Lee Cos, 3 Jan (SBH, KJM, SV); 3, Sam Parr FWA (Jasper Co), 22 Dec (SDB, MPW). **Others** (outside s. and far w. counties)**:** 2, Lake Le-Aqua-Na SP (Stephenson Co), 23 Feb (EWW); McDonough Co, 25 Jan (CAT); 2, Mason Co, 30 Dec (CAT); 2, Allerton P (Piatt Co), 24 Jan (DMK, MSS, TAM); 2, LOW, 8 Feb (CKA); 2, Ivesdale (Champaign Co), 25 Dec (BS). Very unusual location for previous record, in small town on the "prairie" surrounded for ~10 miles in all directions by corn and soybeans w/closest known breeding birds at Allerton Park (Piatt Co).

Northern Saw-whet Owl at University of Illinois Forestry, Champaign County. 6 February 2009. Photo by Greg Lambeth.

Long-eared Owl, Woodford County. 28 December 2009. Photo by Matt Fraker.

Long-eared Owl, University of Illinois Arboretum, Champaign County. 15 February 2009. Photo by Ivan Petrov.

Northern Saw-whet Owl, Les Arends Forest Preserve, Kane County. Photo by Mark Bowman.

Long-eared Owl

MC: 5, Kank., 10 Feb (*JBH); 5 (4 all winter), Urb., 7 Dec (GSL, SDB, EJC, et al.); 3-4, Goose L Pr State Natural Area (Grundy Co), 5 Jan - 8 Feb (MJB, APS, GAW, JHP); 4, Mackinaw Bluffs, all winter (MEF). **Others:** 3, Chi, 4 Feb (GAW); 3, Bartel Grasslands FP (Cook Co), 14 Feb (WJM); 2, Lost Mound NWR (Jo Daviess Co), 19 Dec (DGW): 2, McHenry Co, 2 Dec (MJB, APS); 2, Silver Springs SP (Kendall Co), 14 Feb (PM, m. ob.); 2, Carl.L, 13 & 29 Dec & 2 Jan (DMK, KAM); Afton FP (De Kalb Co), 14 Feb (DTW); Moultrie Co, 3 Jan (TAM, SDB, TDF, RCF:ph); Effingham Co, 3 Jan & 9 Feb (*RES, CLH).

Short-eared Owl

MC: 10, PrRdg, 22 Dec & 24 Feb, (JWW, SDB, & m.ob. resp); 6, Hunter (Edgar Co), 15 Feb (EWW); 6, Guzy Pr & Findlay (Shelby Co), 3 Jan (TAM, SDB, et al.); 5, Urb., 29 Dec (GSL); 5, Ferrin (Clinton Co), 19 Jan (DMK, MSS); 3, Hennepin L, 20 Feb (DJS); 2, Glacial P (McHenry Co), 3 Dec (KC); "several" & 2, Springbrook Pr FP (Du Page Co), "late Dec" & 5 Jan (JLS & JAS resp). **Others:** 5, Hagener Twp (Cass Co), 16 Dec (TWd, SDB, m.ob); 3, Marion Co, 25 Feb (RES); 2, Knox Co, 12 Jan (MJB, DJM); 2, Effingham Co, 12 Dec - 25 Jan (MAH); 2, Carl.L, 2 Jan (KAM); Rollins Savanna (Lake Co), 4 Dec (BJS); Carroll Co, 18 Dec (KJM, LB, JS, DF); Nachusa Grasslands (Lee Co), 10 Jan (JH); Chi (Montrose), 3 Dec (*KH, RDH); Chi (Northerly Island), 25 Dec (JRG, et al.); Goose L Pr State Natural Area (Grundy Co), 12 Feb (REF); Rock Island Co, 22 Dec (KJM); Rt. 128 (Macon Co), 1 Jan (TAM**); Blue Ridge Twp (Piatt Co), 31 Dec (LC); Mahomet Twp (Champaign Co), 1 Feb (DLT); Hensley Twp (Champaign Co), 30 Dec (GSL, RK); Urb., 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); Holiday (Fayette Co), 19 Feb (MAH); Edwards Co, 6 Jan (RES).

Northern Saw-whet Owl

MC: 4, Bois du Sangamon NPsv (Macon Co), 6 Feb (MFD); 2 & 1, Urb., 9 Feb & 22 Jan – 11 Feb (GSL & SDB, m. ob. resp); 2, Rend L, 20 Dec (DMK). **Others:** Libertyville (Lake Co), 2 Feb (SDB**); Les Arends FP (Kane Co), 19 Dec, 1 & 7 Jan & 14 Feb (MJB, APS, PM, m.ob. ph); Fermi, 20 Dec (fide JC); Rock Island Co, 22 Dec (KJM); Kank., 3 Jan (BR); Moultrie Co, 1 Jan (pellets) & 3 Jan (TAM); Eldon Hazlet SP (Clinton Co), 19 Jan - 16 Feb (*DMK, MSS).

Belted Kingfisher

MC: 6, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 5, Union Co, 29 Dec (SDB, PM); 3, Chau, 11 Dec (RGB, SNB); 3, Mason Co, 27 Dec (LLH); 3, Rend L, 20 Dec (KAM, MSS); 2, Rock R (Whiteside Co), 3 Jan (KJM, SV, SBH); 2, Mercer Co, 23 Dec (KJM, SBH, CM, JMo); 2, HL, 1 Jan (KAM). **Others** (post-December)**:** Will Co, 1 Feb (CAT, TLK); Kank., 9-26 Feb (JBH); Warren Co, 20 Feb (LLH); Shelby Co, 2 Jan (CAT, TLK); Bond Co, 7 Feb (KAM); Miss. R (Madison Co), 17 Jan & 1 Feb (DMK, MSS); Carl.L, 10-19 Jan (DMK, MSS); Monroe Co, 12 Feb> (TJD).

Red-headed Woodpecker

MC: 49, Union Co, 29 Dec (SDB, PM); 8, Lost Mound NWR (Jo Daviess Co), 19 Dec (fide DGW); 8, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 5, St. Clair Co, 7 Feb (TJD); 4, QC, 14 Dec (KJM, SBH, SC, m.ob.); 3, Rock Island Co, 22 Dec (KJM); 3, Mercer Co, 23 Dec (TM, WZ, KJM, SBH); 3, no. Vermilion Co, 1 Jan (SDB, SLD). **Others:** Carroll Co, 18 Dec (EAA, JH); Kank., 11-14 Feb (JBH); ad., McDonough Co, 9 Jan (LLH); Adams Co, 12 Dec (MJB); Carl.L, 8 Feb (DMK, MSS). Worst numbers since 2000-2001.

Red-bellied Woodpecker

MC: 51, Rock Island Co, 2 Jan (KJM, SV, MJR, m.ob.); 45, Mercer Co, 23 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 34, Putnam & Bureau Cos, 14 Dec (DFS); 33, Union Co, 29 Dec (SDB, PM); 27, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 13, Kank., 3 Jan (JBH). **Others:** 33, QC, 14 Dec (KJM, SBH, SC, m.ob.); 23, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 18 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 23, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 17 Dec (SDB); 18, Wayne (Du Page Co), 20 Dec (GAW); 14, Lee & Whiteside Cos, 3

Jan (CK, TG, m.ob.); 14, Rend L, 20 Dec (KAM, MSS); 14, Crab Or., 21 Dec (KAM, CAT, TLK); 13, Shelby Co, 3 Jan (CAT, TLK); 12, Mackinaw Bluffs, 9 Feb (MEF); 12, Carl.L, 15 Dec (KAM).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

MC: 15, Union Co, 29 Dec (SDB, PM); 11, Mercer Co, 23 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 9, Crab Or., 21 Dec (KAM, CAT, TLK); 8, Rock Island Co, 2 Jan (CM, JMo, m.ob.); 5, Lost Mound NWR (Jo Daviess Co), 19 Dec (fide DGW); 5, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 4, Rock Island Co, 22 Dec (KJM); 4, Brown, Morgan, Pike, Scott Cos, 16 Dec (TWd, m.ob.); 3, Moultrie Co, 3 Jan (SDB, TAM); 3, PrRdg, 22 Dec (fide JWW); 3, White Co, 18 Dec (CLH). **Others** (north): 2, Carroll Co, 18 Dec (EAA, JH); 2 females, De Kalb Co, 17 Feb (MJB, APS); 2, Morton Arboretum, Lisle (Du Page Co), 11 Jan (DFS); 2, Sand Rdg, 30 Dec (CAT); Rockfd, 17-20,27 Dec (DTW); imm., Boone Co, 21-23 Feb (AEB); imm., Zion (Lake Co), 3 Dec - 11 Jan (*EWW); imm., Nachusa Grasslands (Lee Co), 14 Dec (EWW); female, Marshall State FWA (Marshall Co), 13 Jan (MJB); "Red-naped" male bird, Sangamon Co, 15 Jan (HDB ph). Widespread as ones and twos.

Downy Woodpecker

MC: **257**, Rockfd, 20 Dec (DTW, m.ob.); 56, Mercer Co, 23 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 54, Rock Island Co, 2 Jan (KJM, SV, MJR, m.ob.); 28, Union Co, 29 Dec (SDB, PM); 26, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 17 Dec (SDB); 22, Wayne (Du Page Co), 20 Dec (GAW); 22, Rend L, 20 Dec (CAT, TLK). **Others** (south & central): 20, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 15, Mackinaw Bluffs, 26 Jan (MEF); 12, LShel., 3 Jan (DMK, MSS); 10, Kank., 13 Feb (JBH); 10, Mason Co, 30 Dec (CAT).

Hairy Woodpecker

MC: 17, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 15, Union Co, 29 Dec (SDB, PM); 12, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 18 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 12, Rock Island Co, 2 Jan (KJM, SV, MJR, m.ob.); 10, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 27 Dec (GAW); 8, Volo, Pistakee & Wauconda Bogs (Lake Co), 31 Jan (SDB); 8, Mercer Co, 23 Dec (KJM, SBH). **Others:** 5, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 17 Dec (SDB); 5, Crab Or., 21 Dec (KAM, CAT, TLK); 4, Kank., 13 Feb (JBH); 4, Carl.L, 15 Dec (KAM); 4, Rend L, 20 Dec (KAM, MSS).

Northern Flicker

MC: 48, Union Co, 29 Dec (SDB, PM); 32, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 30, Putnam Co, 14 Dec (DFS); 22, Jasper Co, 22 Dec (SDB, MPW); 21, Mercer Co, 23 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 17, Rock Island Co, 22 Dec (KJM, EAA, JH, RBg); 12, LShel., 3 Jan (DMK, MSS); 12, Carl.L, 8 Feb (DMK, MSS); 9, Rend L, 20 Dec (CAT, TLK); 8, McDonough & Fulton Cos, 28 Dec (LLH, m.ob.); 7, Kankakee Co, 2 Dec (JBH); 7, Mason Co, 30 Dec (CAT); 7, Crab Or., 21 Dec (KAM, CAT, TLK).

Pileated Woodpecker

MC: 20, Union Co, 29 Dec (SDB, PM); 12, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 7, Rock Island Co, 2 Jan (KJM, SV, MJR, m.ob.); 4, Mercer Co, 23 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 4, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 17 Dec (SDB); 3, Carroll Co, 18 Dec (EAA, JH, m.ob.); 3, Allerton P (Piatt Co), 23 Jan (SDB); 3, Lake Murphysboro SP (Jackson Co), 25 Feb (SDB); 3, Mermet L SP (Massac Co), 5 Jan (KAM). **Other:** 2, LOW, 8 Feb (CKA). Other ones and twos at many locations.

Eastern Phoebe

Bloomington (McLean Co), 7 Dec (APC); Coles Co, 20 Dec (DM); Carl.L, 25 Dec (DMK); Clinton Co, 24 Jan (DRs, TB); Washington Co CA (Washington Co), 25 Jan (TJD); Rend L, 26 Jan & 7 Feb (LS); Lake Murphysboro SP (Jackson Co), 25 Feb (SDB); Trail of Tears SF (Union Co), 26 Feb (SDB); UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PM); Jonesboro (Union Co), 26 Feb (SDB); Horseshoe FWA (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (SDB, PM); Mermet L SP (Massac Co), 5 Jan (KAM).

Loggerhead Shrike

MC: 3, PrRdg, 22 Dec (fide JWW); 2, Richland Co, 20 Feb (RES). **Others:** Clinton Co, 19, 24 & 28 Jan (DMK, MSS, DRs, TB); Washington Co, 27 & 29 Dec (TJD); Ten Mile Creek FWA (Jefferson Co), 24 Feb (SDB); Edwards Co, 11 Jan (RES); Peabody FWA, 24 Feb (KAM).

Northern Shrike

MC: 3, Lost Mound NWR (Jo Daviess Co), 19 Dec (fide DGW); 2, Glacial P (McHenry Co), 3 Dec (KC); 2, Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co), all winter (MAM); 2, Palestine Twp (Woodford Co) (also 13 Dec) & Evergreen L, McLean/Woodford Cos, 11 Jan (MJW, MEF). **Others:** Rock Cut SP (Winnebago Co), all winter (DTW); Boone Co, 20 Jan (MJB, APS); Coral Twp (McHenry Co), 24 Jan (DFS); Dorr Twp (McHenry Co), 3 Jan (KL); Moraine Hills FP (McHenry Co), 7 Jan (MJB); COLSP (McHenry Co), 11 Jan (JSS); Winthrop H, 20 Dec & 20 Jan & 21 Feb (GN & JSS & RDH resp); Hosah P, Zion (Lake Co), 1 Feb (JSS); ad., IBSP (north unit), 13-20 Dec & 31 Jan & 14 Feb (EWW, KAM, RDH); IBSP (south unit), 3 Dec (JRG); Grant Woods (north) FP (Lake Co), 15 Jan (BJS); Grant Woods (south) FP (Lake Co) (ad), 3 Jan & 8 Feb (EWW & SDB, JSS resp); Lake Villa (Lake Co), 18 Jan - 2 Feb (RBs); Fremont Twp (Lake Co), 1 Jan (DBJ); Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co), 1 Jan (DBJ); Shields Twp (Lake Co), 14 Feb (RDH); Mundelein (Lake Co), 19 Jan (SDB, SLD); Old School FP (Lake Co), 1 Jan (CSF); Thomson-Fulton Pr (Carroll Co), 18 Dec (KJM, LB); Lowden-Miller SF (Ogle Co), 23 Jan-4 Feb (AS, et al.); Nachusa Grasslands (Lee Co), 17-26 Jan (KL, DTW,AA); Afton FP (Dekalb Co), 25 Jan (DFS); Squaw Grove Twp (Dekalb Co), 8 Dec (SDB, SLD); Jelkes Creek Bird Sanctuary (Kane Co), 31 Jan (NPB, RCR); Blackberry Twp (Kane Co), 26 Jan (MJB, APS, MAM); Nelson Lake Marsh Preserve (Kane Co), 11 Feb (BR); Fermi, 4 Jan (JLS); Crabtree NC, Barrington (Cook Co), 31 Dec-6 Feb (CSF); Miller Meadow FP (Cook Co), 14 Dec (JSA); imm., Chi, 25 Dec (LGM); Chi (Jarvis Bird Sanctuary), 25 Dec (LGM); LCal, 3 Jan (JWL, JOS); LCal (Big Marsh), 11 Jan (SBB); LCal (Indian Ridge Marsh), 27 Dec (JDn); Cordova (Rock Island Co), 9 Feb (MJB); Matthiessen SP (La Salle Co), 5 Jan (MJB, APS); Goose L Pr State Natural Area (Grundy Co), 5 & 27 Jan (MJB, APS); Crete (Will Co) (flew into glass doors in suburban yard while hunting at bird feeder), 8 Jan (JW, SOr ph); imm., Mazonia-Braidwd, 5 Dec (JBH); Spoon L (Knox Co), 11-13 Dec (MJB); Mercer Co, 23 Dec (*CM, JMo); ad., Fulton Co, 1 Jan (LLH); ad., Iroquois Co CA (Iroquois Co), 27 Feb (*JBH); Middlefork FWA (Vermilion Co), 1 Jan (SDB, SLD); Tuscola (Douglas Co), 2 Feb (JJ); **Brown Co**, 16 Dec (BRl); **Carl.L**, 15 Dec (WCR, JPM).

YELLOW-THROATED VIREO

Sand Rdg, **30 Dec** (CAT). 1st Illinois winter record.

Blue Jay

MC: 98, Mercer Co, 23 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 82, Lost Mound NWR (Jo Daviess Co), 19 Dec (DGW, et al.); 67, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 66, Union Co, 29 Dec (SDB, PM); 62, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 18 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 61, Rock Island Co, 2 Jan (KJM, SV, MJR, m.ob.); 44, Rend L, 20 Dec (CAT, TLK); 31, LShel., 3 Jan (DMK, MSS); 27, Carl.L, 15 Dec (KAM); 26, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 17 Dec (SDB); 23, Jasper Co, 22 Dec (SDB, MPW); 20, no. Vermilion Co, 1 Jan (SDB, SLD); 17, Crab Or., 21 Dec (KAM, CAT, TLK); 8, Kank., 29 Dec (JBH). Lowest numbers since 1999-2000.

American Crow

MC: 162,000, Danville (Vermilion Co), 1 Jan (SDB, m.ob.). Regular winter roost.; 980, Champaign Co, 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 914, Lee & Whiteside Cos, 3 Jan (KJM, SV, m.ob.); 535, Kankakee Co, 2 Dec (JBH); 500, St. Clair Co, 3 Feb (KAM); 200, HL, 22 Dec (DMK, MSS); 178, LShel, 3 Jan (SDB, TAM); 152, Ogle Co, 19 Jan (DFS); 136, Zion (Lake Co), 18 Dec (EWW); 101, Clin. L, 27 Dec (fide RLJ, m.ob.); 70, McLean Co, 31 Jan (KAM); 67, Carl.L, 2 Jan (KAM); 60, Ten Mile Creek FWA (Jefferson Co), 24 Feb (SDB).

Horned Lark

MC: **1027**, Effingham Co, 31 Jan (MAH); **800**, Carl.L, 28 & 31 Jan (DMK); 407, Kane & Dekalb Cos, 25 Jan (DFS); 364, Mercer Co, 23

Dec (WAB, m.ob.); 307, DeWitt & McLean Cos, 27 Jan (CAT); 283, Whiteside & Lee Cos, 3 Jan (SBH, m.ob.); 247, De Kalb Co, 25 Jan (DFS); 242, Schuyler, McDonough & Fulton Cos, 25 Jan (CAT); 220, Kankakee Co, 17 Jan (*JBH); 213, Rend L, 20 Dec (CAT, TLK); 200, Savoy (Champaign Co), 24 Jan (DMK, MSS); 197, Livingston Co, 17 Jan (DFS); 147, Jasper Co, 22 Dec (SDB, MPW).

TREE SWALLOW

Homer L (Champaign Co), 4 Dec (RV).

Carolina Chickadee

MC: 68, Rend L, 20 Dec (CAT, TLK); 40, Union Co, 29 Dec (SDB, PM); 33, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 27, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 17 Dec (SDB); 20, Jasper Co, 22 Dec (SDB, MPW); 18, Carl.L, 15 Dec (KAM); 18, Crab Or., 21 Dec (KAM, CAT, TLK). **Others:** 4, HL, 30 Dec (DMK, MSS); 4, Belleville (St. Clair Co), 1 Feb (DMK, MSS); Urb., 1 Dec (EJC).

Black-capped Chickadee

MC: 134, QC, 14 Dec (TM, BL, m.ob.); 119, Rock Island Co, 2 Jan (KJM, SV, MJR, m.ob.); 87, Bureau & Putnam Cos, 14 Dec (DFS); 73, Mercer Co, 23 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 68, Wayne (Du Page Co), 20 Dec (GAW); 54, Ogle Co, 19 Jan (DFS); 51, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 27 Dec (GAW).

Tufted Titmouse

MC: 34, QC, 14 Dec (KR, CR, m.ob.); 32, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 17 Dec (SDB); 31, Crab Or., 21 Dec (KAM, CAT, TLK); 30, Union Co, 29 Dec (SDB, PM); 29, Carl.L, 15 Dec (KAM); 28, Mercer Co, 23 Dec (TM, WZ, m.ob.); 24, Bureau & Putnam Cos, 14 Dec (DFS); 23, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 22, Rend L, 20 Dec (KAM, MSS); 20, Shelby Co, 3 Jan (CAT, TLK); 14, Mason Co, 30 Dec (CAT).

Red-breasted Nuthatch

MC: 40 & 25, Clin.L, 17 Jan & 6 Feb (DSL, RK & SDB resp); 18, Lowden-Miller SF (Ogle Co), 24 Jan (DTW); 12, Grant Woods FP (Lake Co), 24 Jan (JSS); 12, Urb., 22 Jan (SDB); 7, Walnut Point SP (Douglas Co), 14 Feb (EWW); 6, Nunda Twp (McHenry Co), 26 Jan (SDB, SLD); 6, White Pines SP (Ogle Co), 18 Dec (MJB); 6, Morton Arboretum, Lisle (Du Page Co), 1 Jan (UWG); 6, Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co), 1 Feb (EWW). **Others:** 5, Lakewood FP (Lake Co), 18 Jan (SDB, SLD); 5, no. Vermilion Co, 1 Jan (SDB, SLD); 4, Moraine Hills SP (McHenry Co), 20 Dec (BJS, RG); 4, Sand Rdg, 30 Dec (CAT); 3, Mundelein (St. Marys Seminary) (Lake Co), 11 Jan (SDB); 3, Lincoln Trails SP (Clark Co), 15 Feb (EWW); 2, Moultrie Co, 3 Jan (TAM, SDB); 2, Shelby Co, 3 Jan (CAT, TLK); Fox Ridge SP (Coles Co), 22 Feb (TDF, TAM); Sam Parr FWA (Jasper Co), 22 Dec (SDB, MPW); Carl.L, 1-2 Jan (DMK, MSS, KAM); Richland Co, 24 Dec & 2 Jan (CLH); Peabody FWA, 5 Jan (TJD).

White-breasted Nuthatch

MC: 82, Rock Island Co, 2 Jan (KJM, SV, MJR, m.ob.); 65, QC, 14 Dec (KR, CR, m.ob.); 39, Mercer Co, 23 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 32, Union Co, 29 Dec (SDB, PM); 31, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 17 Dec (SDB); 25, Knox Co, 11 Dec (MJB); 21, Shelby Co, 3 Jan (CAT, TLK); 17, Crab Or., 21 Dec (KAM, CAT, TLK); 12, Zion (Lake Co), 1 Jan (EWW); 12, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 27 Dec (GAW); 11, Carl.L, 15 Dec (KAM); 11, Rend L, 20 Dec (KAM, MSS); 11, Mackinaw Bluffs, 9 Feb (MEF); 10, Sam Parr FWA (Jasper Co), 22 Dec (SDB, MPW).

Brown Creeper

MC: 110, Rockfd, 20 Dec (DTW, m.ob.); 20, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 17, Union Co, 29 Dec (SDB, PM); 16, QC, 14 Dec (KJM, SBH, SC, m.ob.); 14, Champaign Co, 20 Dec (EJC, m.ob.); 10, COLSP & Grant Woods FP (Lake Co), 24 Jan (JSS); 9, Bureau & Putnam Cos, 14 Dec (DFS); 7, Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co), 2 Jan (UWG); 6, Rend L, 20 Dec (KAM, MSS); 5, Kendall Co, 1 Jan (DFS); 5, Mercer Co, 23 Dec (KJM, SBH); 5, Crab Or., 21 Dec (KAM, CAT, TLK); 3, Lakewood FP (Lake Co), 18 Jan (SDB, SLD).

Carolina Wren

MC: 43, Union Co, 29 Dec (SDB, PM); 35, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 27, Champaign Co, 20 Dec (SDB, m.ob.); 22, Rend L, 20 Dec (DMK); 13, Jasper Co, 22 Dec (SDB, MPW); 12, Carl.L, 15 Dec (KAM); 12, Crab Or., 21 Dec (KAM, CAT, TLK); 11, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 17 Dec (SDB); 9, LShel., 3 Jan (DMK, MSS); 7, QC, 14 Dec (KJM, SBH, SC, m.ob.); 4, Kank., 8 Feb (JBH). **Others** (central & north): 3, Mercer Co, 23 Dec (KJM, SBH, WAB); 2 (pr.), Winthrop H, 11 Jan-4 Feb (*EWW); 2, Lake Co, 1 Jan (RBs, m.ob.); 2, JP, 1-14 Dec (PRC, MMC); Galena (Jo Daviess Co), 23 Feb (EWW).

House Wren

Sangamon Co, 1 Jan (HDB); Carl.L, 7 Dec (DMK, MSS); Rend L, 20 Dec (RES, CLH).

Winter Wren

MC: 21, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 12, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PM); 7, Rockfd, 20 Dec (DTW, m.ob.); 6, Champaign Co, 20 Dec (fide EJC); 2, QC, 14 Dec (KJM, SBH, SC); 2, Rend L, 20 Dec (DMK); 2, Edwards Co, 10 Jan (RES). **Others:** Carroll Co, 18 Dec (KJM, LB, JS, DF); Wauk., 1 Jan (EWW, m.ob.); Fabyan FP (Kane Co), all winter (MJB, APS); Miller Meadow FP (Cook Co), 14 Dec (JSA); Chi, 14 Dec (RC); Loud Thunder FP (Rock Island Co), 2 Jan (KJM, SV, MJR); Port Louisa NWR (Mercer Co), 23 Dec (KJM, SBH); L Argyle SP (McDonough Co), 30 Dec (UWG); Great R NWR (Adams Co), 12 Dec (MJB); Moultrie Co, 3 Jan (TAM, SDB); Effingham Co, 3 Jan (CLH); Richland Co, 27 Dec (CLH); Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co), 22 Jan (CLH); White Co, 29 Dec (CLH).

Sedge Wren

2, St. Clair Co, 20 Dec (TJD); PrRdg, 22 & 26 Dec (CLH, RES).

Marsh Wren

MC: 6, Wolf Lake (Union Co), 29 Dec (PM, *SDB). New record winter high count for Illinois.

Others: St. Clair Co, 20 Dec (TJD); Rend L, 20 Dec (KAM, MSS).

Golden-crowned Kinglet

MC: 32, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 21, Union Co, 29 Dec (SDB, PM); 17, Rend L, 20 Dec (DMK); 12, Crab Or., 21 Dec (KAM, CAT, TLK); 9, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 14 Feb (TJD); 8, Carl.L, 2 Jan (KAM); 7, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 17 Dec (SDB); 6, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 27 Dec (GAW); 5, Frederick (Schuyler Co), 2 Feb (MJB); 5, Moultrie Co, 3 Jan (SDB, TAM).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

MC: 19, Union Co, 29 Dec (SDB, PM); 13, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 3, Rend L, 20 Dec (DMK); 2, Kankakee Co, 2 Dec (JBH). **Others:** Putnam (Putnam Co), 14 Dec (DFS); Mazonia-Braidwd, 5 Dec (JBH); Gladstone L (Henderson Co), 12 Dec (MJB); Moultrie Co, 3 Jan (SDB, TAM); HL, 11 Jan (FRH); Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co), 22 Jan (CLH); White Co, 9 Jan (CLH); Crab Or., 9 Jan (KAM).

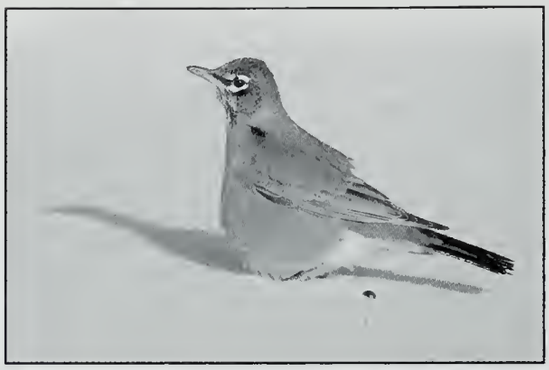
Eastern Bluebird

MC: 57, Rock Island Co, 2 Jan (KJM, SV, MJR, m.ob.); 49, Brown, Morgan, Pike, Scott Cos, 16 Dec (TWd, m.ob.); 47, Coles Co, 20 Dec (LBH, m.ob.); 34, McDonough & Fulton Cos, 28 Dec (LLH, m.ob.); 31, Carroll & Whiteside Cos, 18 Dec (KJM, LB, JS, DF); 24, Union Co, 29 Dec (SDB, PM); 20, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 13, Rend L, 20 Dec (DMK); 12, Logan (Franklin Co), 19 Feb (LS). **Others:** 27, LShel., 3 Jan (DMK, MSS); 24, Rockfd, 20 Dec (DTW, m.ob.); 21, Rock Island & Whiteside Cos, 22 Dec (KJM, EAA, JH, RBg); 19, Mackinaw Bluffs, 1 Feb (MJW); 17, Cook Co, 7 Dec (CBT); 15, Lee Co, 31 Jan (CAT, TLK); 11, Mercer Co, 23 Dec (TM, WZ, KJM, SBH); 11, Jasper Co, 22 Dec (SDB, MPW); 10, Carl.L, 15 Dec (KAM, DMK); 10, Morton Arboretum, Lisle (Du Page Co), 17 Jan (DFS); 10, Hennepin L, 17 Feb (DFS).

[TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE

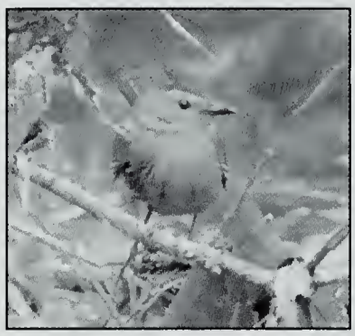
Kane Co, 15 Feb.].

An American Robin in the snow at Woodlawn Cemetery, Champaign County. 3 February 2009. The robin was seen eating hackberries. Photo by Ivan Petrov.



Below left: Gray Catbird at the University of Illinois Forestry in Urbana, Champaign County. 20 December 2008. Photo by Greg Lambeth.

Below right: Brown Thrasher at the University of Illinois Forestry in Urbana, Champaign County. 25 January 2009. Photo by Greg Lambeth.



Hermit Thrush

MC: 10, Brown, Morgan, Pike, Scott Cos, 16 Dec (TWd, m.ob.); 10, Rend L, 20 Dec (DMK); 8, Horseshoe Lake FWA (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 7, Loud Thunder FP (Rock Island Co), 2 Jan (KJM, SV, MJR); 7, Carl.L, 15 Dec (DMK); 7, Crab Or., 21 Dec (KAM, CAT, TLK); 6, Union Co, 29 Dec (SDB, PM); 4, Sand Rdg, 19 Jan (KAM); 4, Sam Parr FWA (Jasper Co), 22 Dec (SDB, MPW); 3, Carroll Co, 18 Dec (KJM, LB, JS, DF). **Others:** 2, Middlefork FWA (Vermilion Co), 4 Jan (SDB); 2, Moultrie Co, 3 Jan (TAM, SDB); 2, Shelby Co, 3 Jan (CAT, TLK); 2, UCCA, 5 Jan (KAM); Ryerson CA (Lake Co), 18 Jan (JSS); Lake Forest (Lake Co), 18 Jan (JSS); Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co), 2 Jan (UWG); Chi, 2 Jan (DFS, KH, LGM); Chi (Wolf L), 23 Feb (DFS); McHenry Co, 20 Jan (MJB, APS); Kank., 12 Jan (JBH); Marshall Co. SF&WA (Marshall Co), 12 Jan (MJB); Marshall Co, 30 Jan (DFS); Woodford Co, 13 Jan (MJB); Bloomington (McLean Co), 16 Jan - 6 Feb (MJW); LOW, 31 Jan (GSL); Mahomet (Champaign Co), 31 Jan (CKA); Potomac (Vermilion Co), 1 Jan (SDB, SLD); Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 17 Dec (SDB); Weinberg-King SP (Schuyler Co), 2 Feb (MJB); New Athens (St. Clair Co), 2 Jan (TJD); Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co), 22 Jan (CLH).

American Robin

MC: **15,000**, Tilden (Randolph Co), 11 Jan (TJD)--**record winter high count**; **1574**, Moultrie Co, 3 Jan (TAM, SDB); **1250**, Chau, 23 Jan (RGB, SNB); 360, Sand Rdg, 5 Feb (MJB, KBR); 327, Putnam & Marshall Cos, 17 Feb (DFS); 320, De Soto (Jackson Co), 8 Dec (KAM); 300, QC, 14 Dec (KJM, SBH, SC, m.ob.); 250, UCCA, 5 Jan (KAM). **Others:** 289, Lost Mound NWR (Jo Daviess Co), 19 Dec (DGW, et al.); 192, Champaign Co, 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 154, no. Vermilion Co, 1 Jan (SDB, SLD); 150, Bushnell (McDonough Co), 21 Feb (LLH); 145, LShel., 3 Jan (DMK, MSS); 118, JP, 3 Dec (PRC); 104, Rock Island Co, 22 Dec (KJM, EAA, JH, RBg); 97, Mercer Co, 23 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 92, St. Mary's Seminary, Mundelein (Lake Co), 1 Feb (SDB); 85, Big Bend CA (Whiteside Co), 13 Dec (EWW); 78, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 75, Silver Springs SP (Kendall Co), 9 Feb (DJS); 75 (cating hackberries), Woodlawn Cemetery, Urb., 4 Feb (SDB); 73, COLSP, 11 Jan (JSS); 70, Brookville Twp (Ogle Co), 26 Jan (AA); 70, Bishop Hill (Henry Co), 9 Feb (MJB); 65, La Salle Co, 1 Jan (DJS); 55, Quincy (Adams Co), 27 Feb (AGD); 54, Half Day FP (Lake Co), 11 Jan (JSS); 50, Champ., 18 Feb (SDB); 47, Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co), 11 Jan (EWW); 40, Mundelein (Lake Co), 19 Jan (SDB, SLD). Widespread throughout the season in remarkable numbers.

VARIED THRUSH

male, Afton FP (De Kalb Co), 16 Feb (*DFS).

GRAY CATBIRD

Chi, 19 Dec (DFS, JDW); Sangamon Co, 19 Jan (HDB); Urb., 8 Dec - **1 Jan** (GSL ph, *SDB, RK); Bald.L, **18 Jan** (TJD).

Northern Mockingbird

MC: 6, Rend L, 20 Dec (CAT, TLK); 3, Carbondale (Jackson Co), 25 Feb (SDB); 2, McDonough Co, 6 Feb (LLH); 2, De Soto (Jackson Co), 25 Feb (KAM). **Others:** Lost Mound NWR (Jo Daviess Co), 19 Dec (fide DGW); Rock Island Co, 2 Jan (WZ, RS); Spoon L (Knox Co), 14 Dec (MJB, KBR); Knox Co, 9 Jan (MJB); Sand Rdg, 15 Feb (PR); Adams Co, 18 Jan (AGD); Riverbend FP (Champaign Co), 15 Feb (CKA); L Decatur (Macon Co), 9 Jan (TAM).

Brown Thrasher

MC: 4, Horseshoe Lake FWA (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 2, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 4 Jan (TJD). **Others:** JP, 8 Dec< (PRC, CBT); Urb., 25-27 Jan (GSL ph, MPW); Coles Co, 20 Dec (EB); HL, 1 Feb (FRH); Rend L, 20 Dec (CLH); Wayne Fitzgerrell SP (Franklin Co), 7 Feb (KAM); Union Co, 29 Dec (SDB, PM).

European Starling

MC: **10,255**, Rend L, 20 Dec (KAM, MSS); 5452, QC, 14 Dec (KJM, SBH, SC, m.ob.); 3300, Cook Co, 14 Dec (WJM, WSS, SCi); 2000, Carl.L, 8 Feb (DMK, MSS); 1865, Kankakee Co, 3 Jan (DFS); 713, Mercer Co, 23 Dec (CM, JMo, m.ob.). **Others:** 1240, Will Co, 7 Dec (DFS); 1221, Rock Island Co, 2 Jan (WZ, RS, m.ob.); 1164, Winnebago, Ogle & Lee Cos, 31 Jan (CAT, TLK); 1086, Whiteside & Lee Cos, 3 Jan (SBH, m.ob.); 879, Champaign Co, 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 612, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 17 Dec (SDB); 565, Crab Or., 21 Dec (KAM, CAT, TLK); 500, HL, 2 Jan (DMK, MSS); 500, De Soto (Jackson Co), 7 Dec (KAM); 445, JP, 3 Dec (PRC); 413, La Salle Co, 8 Feb (GAW, JHP); 409, Jasper Co, 22 Dec (SDB, MPW); 400, Coles Co, 24 Jan (DMK, MSS).

American Pipit

MC: 5, Lake Co, 5-7 Dec< (MJB, APS, *EWW); 4, Mazonia-Braidwd, 3 Dec (*JBH); 2, Rend L, 4 Dec (LS); 2, Horseshoe Lake FWA (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (SDB, PM). **Others:** Chi, 1 & 6 Dec (GN, CAT, TLK); Carroll Co, 18 Dec (*KJM, LB, JS, DF).

Cedar Waxwing

MC: 217, Mercer Co, 23 Dec (TM, WZ, m.ob.); 209, Clin. L, 27 Dec (fide RLJ, m.ob.); 207, no. Vermilion Co, 1 Jan (SDB, SLD); 130, Sand Rdg, 19 Jan (KAM); 129, Champaign Co, 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 120, Brown, Morgan, Pike, Scott Cos, 16 Dec (TWd, m.ob.); 120, Carl.L, 6 & 15 Dec (DMK, MSS); 120, Union Co, 5 Jan (KAM); 100, Geneva (Kane Co), 26 Feb (AHH); 98, Mackinaw Bluffs, 8 Feb (MEF); 92, Kank., 13 Dec (JBH); 90, Lowden-Miller SF (Ogle Co), 19 Jan (MJB); 80, Thomson Causeway (Carroll Co), 1 Feb (EWW); 80, Silver Springs SP (Kendall Co), 9 Feb (DJS); 62, Crab Or., 21 Dec (KAM, CAT, TLK). **Others:** 67, Green R CA (Lee Co), 2 Feb (EWW); 59, Jasper Co, 22 Dec (SDB, MPW); 51, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 27 Dec (GAW); 45, Champ., 18 Feb (SDB); 43, McDonough Co, 25 Jan (CAT); 43, St. Clair Co, 6 Feb (TJD); 40, Freeport (Stephenson Co), 23 Feb (EWW); 40, Chicago Botanic

Orange-crowned Warbler at Mt. Hope Cemetery, University of Illinois campus, Champaign County. 11 February 2009. Photo by Rob Kanter.

Chipping Sparrow at Woodlawn Cemetery, Urbana, Champaign County. 15 February 2009. Photo by Greg Lambeth.

Garden (Cook Co), 26 Feb (DFS); 39, Fulton Co, 1 Jan (LLH); 34, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 17 Dec (SDB); 31, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 29, Shelby Co, 3 Jan (CAT, TLK); 28, Mundelein (Lake Co), 22 Feb (SDB); 24, Klehm Arboretum, Rockfd, 24 Jan (EWW); 15, Afton FP (De Kalb Co), 19 Feb (DJS).

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER

Urb. (Mt. Hope Cemetery), **26 Jan & 11 Feb** (RK ph); Urb. (Woodlawn Cemetery), **15 Feb** (EWW).

CAPE MAY WARBLER

Urb. (at suet feeder), **21 Feb** (DLT). Previous records after December are few: 30 Dec 1993 - 2 Jan 1994, Adams Co; 20-22 Jan 2004, Elsah (Jersey Co); 6 Dec 1982 - 2 Mar 1983, North Shore channel, Chi.

Yellow-rumped Warbler

MC: 114, Union Co, 29 Dec (SDB, PM); **75**, Horseshoe Lake FWA (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 44, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 15 Feb (TJD); 20, Sam Parr FWA (Jasper Co), 22 Dec (SDB, MPW); 12, Wabash R (White Co), 31 Dec (CLH); 10, Crab Or., 21 Dec (KAM, CAT, TLK); 5, Carroll Co, 18 Dec (KJM, LB, JS, DF); 5, Trail of Tears SF (Union Co), 26 Feb (SDB); 4, Lost Mound NWR (Jo Daviess Co), 19 Dec (DGW, et al.); 4, Sand Rdg, 27 Dec (DMK, MSS); 4, Forestry, Urb., 22 Jan (SDB); 4, Pine Hills-Larue Ecological Area (Union Co), 26 Feb (SDB); 3, Rock Island Co, 22 Dec (KJM); 3, Middlefork FWA (Vermilion Co), 4 Jan (SDB); 3, Lake Murphysboro SP (Jackson Co), 25 Feb (SDB); 3, Carbondale Reservoir (Jackson Co), 25 Feb (SDB); 2, LIB CA (Boone Co), 13 Feb (ABA); 2, Sand Rdg, 30 Dec (CAT); Mundelein (Lake Co), 11 Jan (SDB, SLD). Other scattered singles elsewhere in central and north, and up to 5 at additional sites in south.

PINE WARBLER

2 (pr.), Carl.L, 7 Dec (DMK, MSS); **Elmhurst (Cook Co)** (at suet feeder), late Nov – **3 Feb** (BHr); Rend L, 20 Dec (CAT, TLK); Crab Or., **9 Jan** (KAM); Trail of Tears SF (Union Co) (singing male), **26 Feb** (SDB).

PALM WARBLER

2, Rend L, **20 Dec** (KAM, MSS); Carl.L, **6 Jan** (DMK, MSS); Arklands Reclamation Area (Perry Co), **27 Dec** (TJD).

OVENBIRD

Glen Ellyn (**Cook Co**), 8 Dec (NPB, RCR).

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH

Chi, 1-2 Dec (*GN).

SPOTTED TOWHEE

male, HL, 26 Dec - 2 Jan (KAM, CJL, DMK, MSS); male, Ogle Co, 18 Jan - 24 Feb (DTW, *EBC, DFy, m.ob.), often noted inside a barn.

Eastern Towhee

MC: 7 (6 males, 1 female), St. Clair Co, 19 Jan (TJD); 6, Horseshoe Lake FWA (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 6 males, Bald.L, 18 Jan (TJD); 6, Logan (Franklin Co), 19 Feb (LS); 4, Union Co, 29 Dec (SDB, PM); 2, Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co), 2 Feb (JBH). **Others** (central & north): male, Chi, 19 Jan (GAW); Mazonia-Braidwd, 7 Dec (JBH); male, Knox Co, 13 Dec (MJB, DJM); Kank., 14 Feb (JBH); Iroquois Co CA (Iroquois Co), 27 Feb (JBH).

American Tree Sparrow

MC: 1542, Brown, Morgan, Pike, Scott Cos, 16 Dec (TWd, m.ob.); 480, Carroll & Whiteside Cos, 18 Dec (EAA, JH, m.ob.); 342, Clin. L, 27 Dec (fide RLJ, m.ob.); 300, Knox Co, 11 Dec (MJB); 300, Champ., 18 Jan (GSL); 283, Lee & Whiteside Cos, 3 Jan (KJM, SV, m.ob.); 250, St. Clair Co, 22 Feb (TJD); 214, LShel., 3 Jan (DMK, MSS); 195, Jasper Co, 22 Dec (SDB, MPW); 118, Rock Island Co, 2 Jan (KJM, SV, MJR, m.ob.); 100, DeWitt Co, 22 Jan (DFS); 85, Wayne (Du Page Co), 20 Dec (GAW); 70, Rend L, 20 Dec (CAT, TLK).

CHIPPING SPARROW

MC: 5, White Co, 18 Dec, w/3 thru 5 Jan (RES, CLH); 3 (w/80 American Tree Sparrows in cemetery), Sangamon Co, 15 Jan, w/2 there 1 Jan & 1 on 2 Jan (HDB); 2, Rockfd, 13 & 20 Dec (*JB, DTW); 2, Bloomington (McLean Co), **23 Jan** (MJW); 2, Woodlawn Cemetery, Urb., **23 Jan** (RES, CLH), w/one there **15 Feb** (GSL ph); South Farms, Champ., **26 Jan** (RDD); 2, Peabody FWA, **5 Jan** (TJD). **Others:** Carl.L, 7 Dec (*DMK, MSS); Jasper Co, 11 Dec (RES, CLH); Bureau Co, **30 Jan** (*DFS); Bald.L, **22 Feb** (TJD); Union Co, 29 Dec (PM). **Record winter-season numbers**.

Field Sparrow

MC: 18, Rend L, 20 Dec (KAM, MSS); 14, Jasper Co, 22 Dec (SDB, MPW, m.ob.); 12, Carl.L, 28 Feb (DMK); 11, Champaign Co, 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, EJC, m.ob.); 10, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 10, Bald.L, 22 Feb (TJD); 2, Rock Island Co, 2 Jan (*KJM, *RS, m.ob.). **Others:** Pratt's Wayne Wds FP (Du Page Co), 20 Dec (*GAW); Chi, 3 Dec (*KH); Kank., 3 Jan (JBH, WW); Bloomington (McLean Co), 23 Jan (MJW); HL, 20 Dec (FRH); 3, Union Co, 29 Dec (SDB, PM).

Savannah Sparrow

MC: 44, Jasper Co, 22 Dec (SDB, MPW, m.ob.); 14, Horseshoe Lake FWA (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 12, Hensley Twp (Champaign Co), 30 Dec (GSL, RK); 10, HL, 2 Jan (DMK, MSS); 8, Champ., 20 Dec (SDB, GSL) w/5 there, 18 Jan (GSL); 6, Wayne Co, 13 Feb (CLH); 5, Union Co, 29 Dec (PM). **Others:** 2, LShel., 3 Jan (DMK, MSS); 2, Carl.L, 28 Jan (DMK); 2, Rend L, 5 Jan (KAM); Chi, 11 Dec (KH); Rockfd, 19 Dec - 24 Jan (DTW, PO, SO); St. Clair Co, 17 Feb (KAM) Santa Fe Bottoms (Clinton Co), 22 Feb (KAM); Chauncey Marsh (Lawrence Co), 24 Jan (CLH).

Le Conte's Sparrow

MC: 8, Jasper Co, 22 Dec (*RES, CLH); 7, HL, 2 Jan (DMK, MSS); 2, Horseshoe Lake FWA (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (SDB, PM). **Others:** Hensley Twp (Champaign Co), 30 Dec (GSL, RK); South Farms, Champ, 7 Dec - 13 Feb (GSL ph, *SDB, EJC, m.ob.); Rend L, 5 Jan (KAM).

Vesper Sparrow

Whalon L FP (Will Co), 14 Dec< (REF, KDF); Kankakee Co, 27 Feb (JBH); St. Clair Co, 17 Dec (MB).

Fox Sparrow

MC: 28, Union Co, 29 Dec (SDB, PM); 15, St. Clair Co, 22 Feb (TJD); 12, Champaign Co, 20 Dec (EJC, m.ob.); 9, Rend L, 20 Dec (DMK); 9, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 6, Langley Bottoms

(Vermilion Co), 17 Dec (SDB); 6, HL, 1 Jan (KAM); 6, Carl.L, 31 Jan (DMK); 3, Kankakee Co, 2 Dec (JBH); 2, Boone Co, 19 Dec (AEB); 2, Afton FP (De Kalb Co), 17 Feb (MJB, APS); 2, Du Page Co, 21 Dec (UWG); 2, Grundy Co, 27 Jan (MJB, APS); 2, Jasper Co, 22 Dec (SDB, MPW).

Song Sparrow

MC: **250**, Franklin Co, 23-24 Feb (LS); 91, Union Co, 29 Dec (SDB, PM); 75, Champ., 18 Jan (GSL); 36, Rend L, 20 Dec (KAM, MSS); 35, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 26, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 17 Dec (SDB); 19, Mercer Co, 23 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 16, Rock Island Co, 21 Dec (KJM, SBH, SV); 15, QC, 14 Dec (KJM, SBH, SC, m.ob.); 14, Mazonia-Braidwd, 7 Dec (JBH); 14, Jasper Co, 22 Dec (SDB, MPW).

Lincoln's Sparrow

Chi (Daley Plaza), 6-15 Dec (SPi); Urb., **31 Jan** (GSL); Union Co, 29 Dec (PM).

Swamp Sparrow

MC: **200**, Franklin Co, 23-24 Feb (LS); 97, Union Co, 29 Dec (SDB, PM); 42, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 22, Rend L, 20 Dec (KAM, MSS); 20, HL, 2 Jan (DMK, MSS); 18, Champaign Co, 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 10, Jasper Co, 22 Dec (SDB, MPW); 8, Mazonia-Braidwd, 7 Dec (JBH); 5, Port Louisa NWR (Mercer Co), 23 Dec (KJM, SBH); 4, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 17 Dec (SDB).

White-throated Sparrow

MC: **211**, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (SDB, PM); **159**, Union Co, 29 Dec (SDB, PM); **118**, Rend L, 20 Dec (DMK); **105**, Carl.L, 15 Dec (DMK); 64, Chi, 8 Dec (DFS); 54, Jasper Co, 22 Dec (SDB, MPW); 45, Champaign Co, 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 30, QC, 14 Dec (KJM, SBH, SC); 26, Moultrie & Shelby Cos, 3 Jan (SDB, TAM); 20, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 17 Dec (SDB); 11, Kankakee Co, 6 Dec (JBH); 10, Port Louisa NWR (Mercer Co), 23 Dec (KJM, SBH). **Others** (central & north): 11, Rock Island Co, 2 Jan (KJM, SV, MJR, m.ob.); 10, Bureau Co, 20 Feb (DJS); 8, Afton FP (De Kalb Co), 19 Feb (DJS); 3, Wauk., 4 Jan (EWW).

Harris's Sparrow

South Farms, Champ., 6 Dec – thru period (SR, GSL ph, SDB, *m.ob. ph); ad., Monroe Co, 15 Dec - 17 Feb (CCD, PPD et al.).

White-crowned Sparrow

MC: 85, St. Clair Co, 22 Feb (TJD); 60, Urb., 7 Dec (GSL); 60, Logan (Franklin Co), 19 Feb (LS); 16, DeWitt Co, 22 Jan (DFS); 11, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 10, Champ., 18 Jan (GSL); 8, Rock Island Co, 21 Dec (KJM, SBH, SV); 5, Bureau Co, 14 Dec (DJS) **Other:** *Z.l. gambelii* subspecies: imm., Urb., 24 Jan (TAM, DMK, MSS). Modest numbers.

Dark-eyed Junco

MC: 914, Lost Mound NWR (Jo Daviess Co), 19 Dec (DGW, m.ob.); 584, Mercer Co, 23 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 410, Carl.L, 15 Dec (DMK); 345, Afton FP (De Kalb Co), 13 Dec (EWW); 244, Rock Island & Whiteside Cos, 22 Dec (KJM, EAA, JH, RBg); 226, Rock Island Co, 2 Jan (WZ, RS, m.ob.); 193, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 18 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 190, Lee & Whiteside Cos, 3 Jan (KJM, SV, m.ob.); 146, Rend L, 20 Dec (CAT, TLK); 145, Kendall Co, 1 Jan (DFS); 144, Bureau & Putnam Cos, 14 Dec (DFS); 107, Jasper Co, 22 Dec (SDB, MPW); 106, Kankakee Co, 3 Jan (DFS); 98, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 92, Crab Or., 21 Dec (KAM, CAT, TLK); 85, Shelby Co, 3 Jan (CAT, TLK). **Other:** "Oregon" subspecies: Crabtree NC, Barrington (Cook Co), 31 Dec (CSF ph).

Harris's Sparrow at University of Illinois South Farms, Urbana Champaign County. 7 December 2008. Photo by Greg Lambeth.This bird was seen by many throughout the winter.

Dickcissel at University of Illinois South Farms, Champaign County. 7 December 2008. Photo by Greg Lambeth.

Lapland Longspur

MC: **4000**, Carl.L, 31 Jan (DMK); **2000**, Savoy (Champaign Co), 24 Jan (DMK, MSS); 1258, Jasper Co, 22 Dec (SDB, MPW); 845, Schuyler & McDonough Cos, 25 Jan (CAT); 430, Whiteside & Lee Cos, 3 Jan (SBH, KJM, SV); 419, Ford & Livingston Cos, 27 Feb (DFS); 300, East Fork L (Richland Co), 10 Dec (CLH); 282, St. Clair Co, 20 Dec (TJD); 246, McLean & DeWitt Cos, 27 Jan (CAT); 125, Wempletown (Winnebago Co), 11 Jan (DTW); 116, La Salle Co, 22 Feb (DJS); 95, Kankakee Co, 27 Feb (JBH); 95, Washington Co CA (Washington Co), 25 Jan (TJD); 82, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 17 Dec (SDB); 50, Thomasboro (Champaign Co), 3 Feb (SDB); 35, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (SDB, PM). Largest numbers since 1994-1995.

SMITH'S LONGSPUR

Wade Twp (Jasper Co), 22 Dec (*SDB, MPW ph). 2nd documented Illinois winter record, near area where 1st Illinois winter record was established on 21 Dec 1999.

Snow Bunting

MC: **500**, Winnebago (Winnebago Co), 11 Jan (DTW, BCW); **370**, Bureau Co, 12 Dec (MJB); **350**, De Kalb Co, 31 Jan (CAT, TLK); 150, Hudson Twp (McLean Co), 17 Jan (MLR); 115, Genoa Twp (Dekalb Co), 31 Jan (SG, et al.); 110, Shannon (Carroll Co), 26 Jan (AA); 80, La Salle Co, 7 Dec (DJS); 58, Stark Co, 30 Jan (DFS); 55, Clay Co, 2 Feb (RES, CLH); 50, Ogle Co, 7 Dec (*UWG); 45, Mercer Co, 23 Dec (WAB, TM, WZ); 40, Sugar Grove (Kane Co), 25 Jan (SAC); 40, Rock Island Co, 21 Dec (KJM, SBH, SV); 40, South Homer Twp (Champaign Co), 29 Jan (BP); 26, Lee Co, 3 Jan (KJM, SV); 26, **Carl.L**, 31 Jan (DMK); 22, Wauk., 28 Dec (EWW); 22, **Wabash, Edwards & White Cos**, 4 Feb (CLH, RES); 15, Seneca Twp (McHenry Co), 24 Jan (DFS); 11, Thomasboro (Champaign Co), 3 Feb (SDB). **Others** (central & south): 1-15, Sangamon Co, 15 Jan – 3 Feb (HDB ph); 9, **Crawford Co**, 3 Dec (RES); 8, **Richland Co**, 30 Jan (CLH); 8, Jasper Co, 1 Feb (CLH); 7, Scott Twp (Champaign Co), 13 Jan (SDB); 6, **Fayette Co**, 5 Feb (MSS); 5, **Jackson Co**, 31 Jan (LS). Widely distributed in good numbers.

Northern Cardinal

MC: 199, Mercer Co, 23 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 139, QC, 14 Dec (KJM, SBH, SC, m.ob.); 126, Bureau & Putnam Cos, 14 Dec (DFS); 108, Rock Island Co, 2 Jan (KJM, SV, MJR, m.ob.); 86, Lee & Whiteside Cos, 3 Jan (KJM, SV, m.ob.); 78, Ogle Co, 5 Jan (DFS); 75, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 18 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 74, Cumberland Co, 30 Dec (DFS); 72, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 68, Rend L, 20 Dec (CAT, TLK); 65, Carl.L, 15 Dec (DMK, KAM); 60, Logan (Franklin Co), 19 Feb (LS); 53, Wayne (Du Page Co), 20 Dec (GAW); 53, Moultrie & Shelby Cos, 3 Jan (SDB, TAM); 49, Kank., 26 Jan (JBH); 46, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 27 Dec (GAW); 41, Mackinaw Bluffs, 26 Jan (MEF).

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK

ad. male, South Elgin (Kane Co), **27 Feb** (*MKM, CH, RN, GD).

DICKCISSEL

MC: **4**, Gray Twp (White Co), **29 Dec**, w/1-3 there 18 Dec – 5 Jan (*RES, CLH)--**record winter high count.** **Others:** Forreston (Ogle

Female White-winged Crossbill at Decatur's Fairlawn Cemetery, Macon County. 1 February 2009. Photo by Travis A. Mahan.

Co), 1-2 Dec (AS); Urb., 6-20 Dec (GSL ph, *SDB, RK); imm., Carl. L, 6 Dec (*WMR); male, Carl.L, 15 Dec (*RSH). The largest number ever reported in a winter season.

Red-winged Blackbird

MC: **110,300**, Rend L, 20 Dec (KAM, MSS); 7023, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 6000, Carl.L, 28 Feb (DMK); 5165, East Moline (Rock Island Co), 14 Dec (KJM, SBH, SC); 5000, Ten Mile Creek FWA, Eads Unit (Jefferson Co), 24 Feb (SDB); 5000, St. Libory (St. Clair/Wahington Cos), 27 Feb (SDB); 3103, Union Co, 29 Dec (SDB, PM); 3000, Madison Co, 18 Jan (DMK, MSS); 2083, Grundy Co, 28 Feb (CAT); 350, Kank., 10 Feb (JBH); 300, Spoon L (Knox Co), 14 Dec (MJB, KBR); 126, IBSP, 31 Dec (EWW). Far fewer reported this winter, especially at concentration sites in s. IL.

Eastern Meadowlark

MC: **469**, PrRdg, 22 Dec (fide JWW, m.ob.); **89**, Effingham Co, 31 Jan (MAH); 37, Coles Co, 20 Dec (LBH, m.ob.); 30, Carl.L, 8 Feb (DMK, MSS); 27, White Co, 15 Dec (RES); 27, Cypress Creek NWR (Union & Pulaski Cos), 5 Jan (KAM); 26, Clin. L, 27 Dec (fide RLJ, m.ob.); 12, Clin.L, 27 Dec (GSL); 12, Ten Mile Creek FWA (Jefferson Co), 24 Feb (SDB); 5, La Salle Co, 6 Feb (CAT). **Others** (central & north): 6, LShel., 3 Jan (DMK, MSS); 3, Sand Rdg, 27 Dec (DMK, MSS); 2, Kankakee Co, 27 Feb (JBH); 2, McDonough Co, 28 Dec (LLH); De Kalb Co, 25 Dec (DJS); Chi, 7-8 & 12 Dec (MJH, KH, GAW); Tazewell Co, 27 Dec (CAT, TLK).

Western Meadowlark

Carl.L, 8 Feb (DMK, MSS).

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD

ad. male, Richland Co, **28 Feb** (RES, CLH); Whittington (Franklin Co), **11 Dec** (LS).

Rusty Blackbird

MC: 30, Iroquois Co CA (Iroquois Co), 25 Feb (JBH); 25, Richland & Wayne Cos, 13 Feb (CLH); 15, Tilden (Randolph Co), 11 Jan (TJD); 12, Penfield (Champaign Co), 13 Feb (EJC); 3, Carroll Co, 18 Dec (KJM, LB, JS, DF). **Others:** 3, Carl.L, 8 Feb (DMK, MSS); 2, HomerL, 11 Feb (BP); 2, Rend L, 20 Dec (CAT, TLK); 2, Crab Or., 21 Dec (KAM, CAT, TLK); 2, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (SDB, PM); Rockfd, 20 Dec (DTW); Du Page Co, 21 Dec (UWG); East Moline (Rock Island Co), 14 Dec (KJM, SBH, SC); Champ., 20 Dec (GSL); Columbia (Monroe Co), 25 Jan (DMK). Lowest numbers since 1992-1993.

Brewer's Blackbird

4, Union Co, 29 Dec (PM); 2, Kank., 8 Feb (JBH). Worst season since the mid-1990s.

Female White-winged Crossbill. Allerton Park, Piatt County. 24 January 2009. Photo by Greg Lambeth.

Common Grackle

MC: **440,370**, Rend L, 20 Dec (KAM, MSS); **50,000**, Peabody FWA, 10 Jan (TJD); **40,000**, St. Libory (St. Clair Co), 27 Feb (SDB); 7640, Union Co, 29 Dec (SDB, PM); 6000, Carl. L, 28 Feb (DMK); 1450, Mazonia-Braidwd, 11 Dec (JBH); 821, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 641, East Moline (Rock Island Co), 14 Dec (KJM, SBH, SC); 150, Spoon L (Knox Co), 14 Dec (MJB, KBR); 47, Grundy Co, 28 Feb (CAT). **Others** (central & north): 14, Champaign Co, 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 2, Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co), 7 Feb (CAT, TLK); 2, Mercer Co, 23 Dec (WAB, KJM, SBH); Vermilion Co, 1 Jan (EJC).

Brown-headed Cowbird

MC: **2000**, Rend L, 20 Dec (DMK); 800, Carl.L, 8 Feb (DMK, MSS); 526, East Moline (Rock Island Co), 14 Dec (KJM, SBH, SC); 170, Oglesby (La Salle Co), 30 Jan (DFS); 42, Grundy Co, 28 Feb (CAT); 30, Kankakee Co, 3 Dec & 4 Feb (JBH); 25, Warren Co, 24 Jan (CAT); 25, Marietta (Fulton Co), 7 Feb (LLH). Rather modest numbers, but widely distributed.

PINE GROSBEAK

Male, Kinnikinnick Creek CA (Boone Co), 14 Feb (*ABA).

Purple Finch

MC: 44, Champaign Co, 20 Dec (SDB, EJC, m.ob.); 42, Sand Rdg, 19 Jan (KAM); 31, no. Vermilion Co, 1 Jan (SDB, SLD); 26, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 17 Dec (SDB); 24, Loud Thunder FP (Rock Island Co), 2 Jan (KJM, SV, MJR); 23, Hennepin L, 17 Feb (DFS); 21, Jasper Co, 22 Dec (SDB, MPW, m.ob.); 21, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PM); 17, Carroll Co, 18 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 15, Mercer Co, 23 Dec (KJM, SBH, WAB); 13, Iroquois Co CA (Iroquois Co), 25 Feb (JBH); 12, QC, 14 Dec (KR, CR, m.ob.); 12, Red Hills SP (Lawrence Co), 7 Feb (CLH); 11, Winthrop H, 28 Jan (EWW); 10, Crab Or., 21 Dec (KAM, CAT, TLK). **Others:** 10, LShel., 3 Jan (DMK, MSS); 9, Walnut Point SP (Douglas Co), 14 Feb (EWW); 9, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 20 Dec (TJD); 9, Pomona (Jackson Co), 7 Dec (RMR); 8 (5 male, 3 female), Grant Woods FP (Lake Co), 11 Jan (JSS); 8, Clin. L, 27 Dec (GSL); 8, Middlefork FWA (Vermilion co), 4 Jan (SDB); 8, Edwards Co, 26 Jan (RES); 6, Bald.L, 18 Jan (TJD); 6, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 4-5, Woodlawn Cemetery, Urb., 4-12 Feb (SDB); 4, Carl.L, 1-2 Jan (DMK, MSS, KAM); 3, Heller NC, Highland Park (Lake Co), 23 Jan & 27 Feb (JSS). Widespread in good numbers.

House Finch

MC: **806**, Rockfd, 20 Dec (DTW, m.ob.); 75, Carroll Co, 18 Dec (EAA, JH, m.ob.); 68, Downers Grove (Du Page Co), 3 Dec (REF, KDF); 60, Kank., 26 Jan (JBH); 40, De Soto (Jackson Co), 13 Dec (KAM); 39, Zion (Lake Co), 1 Jan (EWW); 38, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 17 Dec (SDB); 33, Nachusa Grasslands (Lee Co), 20 Dec (EWW); 31, Galena (Jo Daviess Co), 23 Feb (EWW); 30, no. Vermilion Co, 1 Jan (SDB, SLD); 26, Rock Island Co, 22 Dec (KJM, EAA, JH, RBg); 25, Urb., 12 Feb (SDB); 20, Carl.L, 28 Jan (DMK).

Red Crossbill

MC: 25 & 13, Lowden-Miller SF (Ogle Co), 26 Jan & 14 Dec (AA & EWW resp), w/smaller numbers several dates thru 4 Feb (m.ob.); 20, Sand Rdg, 19 Jan (KAM); 12, Rockfd, 27 Jan (MK); 7, Kennekuk CP (Vermilion Co), 1 Jan (MJE). **Others:** "a few", Morton Arboretum (Du Page Co), 22 Feb (PM); Kishwaukee River FP (Winnebago Co), 30 Jan (fide GAW); Lakewood FP (Lake Co), 18 Jan (SDB, SLD); Mettawa (Lake Co), 19 Jan (SDB, SLD); Mackinaw Bluffs, 12 Dec (MEF).

White-winged Crossbill

MC: **90**, Mundelein (St. Marys Seminary) (Lake Co), 11 Jan (SDB), with smaller numbers noted here on each of several visits from 18 Nov thru the period (SDB, SLD); **80**, Oak Lawn (Cook Co), 11 Feb (AA); **60**, Chicago Botanic Garden, (Cook Co), 26 Jan (SDB, MBn ph, et al.), but up to 28 birds seen there on many dates thru 15 Feb (SLD, m.ob.); **50**, Stickney Run FP (McHenry Co), 25 Jan (SDB, SLD); **43**, Mays Lake FP (DuPage Co), 28 Jan (CS); **35**, Morton Arboretum, Lisle (Du Page Co), 17 Jan (UWG), w/small to larger numbers present mid-Nov thru 26 Feb (m.ob.); **35**, Palatine (Cook Co), late Jan - 15 Feb (w3+ thru period) (MH); **35** & **35** & 20, Swallow Cliff FP (Cook Co), 28 & 20 & 19 Feb (KRW & WSS & DG resp), w/smaller numbers late Nov thru period (m.ob.); 12 & **25**, Allerton P (Piatt Co), 23 & 24-26 Jan (SDB & GSL ph, RD, SR resp), with smaller numbers thru 20 Feb (m.ob.); 15, Argyle L SP (McDonough Co), 2 Feb (MJB); 14, Woodlawn Cemetery, Urb., 5 & 6 Feb (SDB), w/smaller numbers 22 Jan - 15 Feb (SDB, m.ob.). **Others:** **34** & 15, Irving Park Cemetery, Chi/Norridge, 24 Jan & 28 Feb resp (ABA); **30**, Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co), 25 Jan (MJB), w/15 & 10 there 15 & 22 Feb resp (SDB), w/large numbers present since mid-Nov (m.ob.); **30**, Gurnee (Lake Co), 3 Feb (DD); **30** & 12 & 10, Niles (St. Adelbert's Cemetery) (Cook Co), 1 Feb & 21 & 25 Jan (fide GAW & JWL & TL resp); **30**, Sangamon Co, 16 Feb, w/female there 24 Jan (HDB); **26**, Zion (Lake Co), 27 Feb (EWW); **25** & 17 & 8, Lowden-Miller SF (Ogle Co), 19 Jan &26 Jan & 15 Feb (MJB & AA & DBJ, APS, KL resp), w/smaller numbers on many other dates thru period (m.ob.); 24, Westmont (Du Page Co), 14 Feb (fide GAW); 23, Meredith (Kane Co), 23 Jan (*EWW); 20, Afton FP (De Kalb Co), 14 Feb (DTW), w/small numbers from late Nov thru 22 Feb (m.ob.); 20, Wayne Twp (DuPage Co), 9 Feb (SAC); 20, Hampton Cemetery, Hampton (Rock Island Co), 31 Jan (SFd), w/2-15 there 23 Jan – 12 Feb (DGR); 18 & 12 & 6 & 5, Greenwood Cemetery, Rockfd, 31 Jan & 23 & 5 & 13 Feb (JL & MJB, APS & DBJ & ABA resp); 18 & 10, Lake Villa (Lake Co), 27 & 24 Jan (RBs & SDB resp); 18 & 7 & 3, Loch Lomond subdivision (Lake Co), 15 & 9 & 23 Feb resp, w/small numbers thru the period (SDB, SLD); 18, Heller NC, Highland Park (Lake Co), 30 Jan (JSS), w/smaller numbers 25 Jan – 27 Feb (JSS); 17 (14 male, 3 female), Independence Grove FP (Lake Co), 18 Feb (JSS); 17 & 6, Lowell P NC, Dixon (Lee Co), 22 & 15 Feb (EWW & DBJ, APS resp); 15, Elburn FP (Kane Co), 25 Jan (SAC), w/"flock" still there 28 Feb (JD); 15, Oak Park (Cook Co), 26 Jan (LM); 15, Chi (Edison P), 26 Jan (fide GAW); 14 & 10, Batavia (Kane Co), 28 Jan & 4 Feb resp (CLC); 13 (4 male, 9 female), Concordia Cemetery, Forest Park (Cook Co), 2 Feb (GN); 13 & 2, Geneseo (Henry Co), 1 & 15 Feb (*EWW & DBJ, APS, KL resp); 12, Woodridge (residence) (Du Page Co), 16 Feb (UWG); 12, Woodridge (residence) (Du Page Co), 19 Feb (JC); 12, Palatine (residence) (Cook Co), 30 Jan (fide GAW); 12 & 5, Western Springs (Cook Co), 31 Jan & 15 Feb resp (LP); 12, Bloomington (McLean Co), 5 Feb (MJW); 11, Freeport (Stephenson Co), 28 Jan (MJB, APS); 11, Fox Lake Hills (Lake Co), 8 Feb (SDB); 11 (8 males, 3 females), Dayton (La Salle Co), 28 Feb (EWW); 10, Evanston (Cook Co), 18 Feb (MMC); 10, St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery, Chi, 14 Feb (ABA); 10, Princeton (Bureau Co), 1 Feb (EWW); 9, Oakwood Cemetery, Dixon (Lee Co), 14 Feb (DTW); 8, Buffalo Grove (Lake Co), 21 Feb (DBJ); 8, Oakbrook (DuPage Co), 8 Feb (VS); 8 & 6, Chi (Beverly area), 21 & 30 Jan (WJM & SF resp); 8 & 7 (4 male, 3 female), Sterling (Whiteside Co), 2 & 15 Feb (EWW & DBJ, APS, KL ph, resp); 8, McDowell Cemetery, Dwight (Livingston Co), 27 Jan (MJB, APS); 7, Mt. Carroll (Carroll Co), 16 Feb (MJB, APS); 7, Prospect Heights (Cook Co), 12 Dec (CL); 7, Westchester (Cook Co) (residence), 28 Jan (DFS); 7, Morris (Grundy Co), 1 Feb (DFS); 7 & 4, Clin.L, 17 Jan & 6 Feb (GSL, RK & SDB resp); 7, LOW, 31 Jan (GSL ph); 6, Boone Co, 31 Jan (DFS); 6 & 4, Grant Woods (south) FP, (Lake Co), 11 Jan & 8 Feb (JSS & JSS, SDB resp); 6 & 4 & 2 (males), Sunset P Geneva (Kane Co), 12 Feb & 4 Feb & 16 Feb (JD & MAM, APS, & BA ph resp); 6, Hidden Lake FP (Du Page Co), 8 Feb (SN); 6 (male, 5 female), Northbrook (Cook Co), 7 Dec (ED); 6, Chi (residence), 6 Feb (AB ph); 6, Prophetstown (Whiteside Co), 9 Feb (MJB); 5 (male, 4 female), Ryerson CA (Lake Co), 3 Jan (JT); 5, Elgin (Kane Co), 30 Jan (DWr); 5 & 3 (2 males, 1 female), Fairlawn Cemetery, Decatur (Macon Co), 1 Feb (MFD & TAM ph resp); 5, Urb., 12 Feb (SDB); 4, Fox River Grove (McHenry Co), 5 Feb (DBJ, APS); 4, Hampshire FP (Kane Co), 9 Mar (JWL); 4, Spring Valley FP (Cook Co), 26 Jan (fide GAW); 4, Hanover Twp (Cook Co), 9 Feb (SAC); 2-4, River Forest (Cook Co), 22-27 Feb (fide GAW); 4, Alvin (Vermilion Co), 20 Feb (SDB); 3, LlB CA (Boone Co), 13 Feb (ABA); 3, Moraine Hills SP (McHenry Co), 20 Jan (MJB, APS); 3, IBSP, 14 Feb (SDB); 3, Norris Woods NP, St. Charles (Kane Co), 22 Jan (SAC); 3, Downer's Grove (DuPage Co), 30 Jan (REF, KDF); 3, Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Westchester (Cook Co), 23 Jan (DFS); 3, Oakridge Cemetery, Westchester (Cook Co), 26 Jan (DFS); 3 (2 males, female), Evergreen L (McLean Co), 19 Feb (THr); 3, Forestry, Urb., 31 Jan (GSL); 3 & 2 (males), HomerL, 2 &13 Feb (PW & BP resp); 3, Potomac (Vermilion Co), 1 Jan (SDB, SLD); 2, Belvidere Cemetery, Belvidere (Boone Co), 28 Jan (MJB, APS); 2, Ascension Cemetery, Libertyville (Lake Co), 17 Nov (SDB); 2, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 16 Feb (ML); 2 (male & female), Acacia Cemetery, Chi/Norridge, 4 Feb (JRG); "small group", Bristol Twp (Kendall Co), 8 Feb (SAC); 2, Galesburg (Knox Co), 23-27 Jan (JMy); 2 & 1, Mackinaw Bluffs, 9 Feb & 5 Jan resp (MEF); 2 (females), Minonk (Woodford Co), 16 Feb (THr); Elgin (Kane Co), 23 Feb (BE); Shabbona L SP (Dekalb Co), 7 Feb (fide GAW); female, Arlington Heights (Cook Co), 25 Feb (SS); Forest Park (Cook Co), 1 Feb (fide GAW); male, Memorial Park Cemetery, Skokie (Cook Co), 1 Feb (JDW); Toulon (Stark Co), 28 Dec (JWW); imm. male, Momence (Kankakee Co), 15 Feb (JBH). Remarkably widespread over much of the northern third of IL, with smaller numbers south to central Illinois. This is by far the most observations

Common Redpoll in Palatine back yard. 5 February 2009. Photo by Carolyn Fields.

Common Redpolls staged a major invasion in Illinois the 2008/2009 winter season. Some northern Illinois backyard feeder stations held at least 125 redpolls at one time on a single day. Up to 200 were seen at the Chicago Botanic Garden, Cook County, in one day.

Common Redpolls feasted on sweetgum seeds in central Illinois. Photo taken in Urbana, Champaign County, 25 January 2009 by Greg Lambeth.

and published reports of this species, including highest numbers, ever recorded in the state's history!

Common Redpoll

MC: **200** & **110**, Chicago Botanic Garden (Cook Co), 14 & 26 Feb (MJH & DFS resp); **150**, Wheaton (Du Page Co), 14-15 & 21 Feb (JVM, MM); **125** & 60 & 11, Loch Lomond subdivision (Lake Co), 17 & 9 Feb & 25 Jan resp, thru period (SDB, SLD); **105**, Van Patten Wds FP (Lake Co), 18 Feb (EWW); **100**, Elburn FP (Kane Co), 8 Feb (SAC); 15, Merwin P (McLean Co), 25 Jan (MEF, MJW); 4-10, Woodlawn Cemetery, Urb., 24 Jan - 21 Feb (SDB, m.ob. ph); 4, Galesburg (Knox Co), 14 Feb (PR). **Others:** 60, Dresden L (Grundy Co), 28 Feb (EWW); 56, Elburn FP (Kane Co), 15 Feb (DFS); 55, L Shabbona SP (De Kalb Co), 22 Feb (EWW); 38, Arlington Heights (Cook Co), Feb (SS); 35, Warren (Jo Daviess Co), 23 Feb (EWW); 30, Glenview (Cook Co), 27 Jan (BJM); 26, Woodridge (Du Page Co), 2 Feb (MAM); 25, Libertyville (Lake Co), 25 Jan (JOS); 22, Half Day FP (Lake Co), 11 Jan (JSS); 21, Lake Villa (Lake Co), 2 Feb (RBs); 20, Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co), 1 Feb (EWW); 17, Glenview (Cook Co), 1 Feb (JLd); 15, Lake Bluff (Lake Co), 30 Jan (AM); 15, Genoa (Dekalb Co), 30 Jan (KL); 12, Wauconda Bog NP (Lake Co), 1 Feb (SDB); 12, St. Charles (Kane Co), 28 Jan (KA); 11, Lake Le-Aqua-Na SP (Stephenson Co), 23 Feb (EWW); 10 & 3, Forreston (Ogle Co), 27 Jan & 24 Feb resp (AS); 10, Ogle Co (residence), 8 Feb (DFy, m.ob), w/smaller numbers 31 Jan – 23 Feb (m.ob.); 10, Downer's Grove (DuPage Co), 30 Jan (REF, KDF); 10, La Grange Highlands (Cook Co), 29 Jan (NPB, RCR); 10, Ottawa (LaSalle Co), 8 Feb (CKM); 9, Chi (residence), 26 Jan (SSt); 9, Ogle Co, 8 Feb (DTW); 8, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 23-30 Jan (KAg); 7, Winnebago Co, 19 Jan (DTW); 1-7, Gurnee (Lake Co), 25 Jan - 27 Feb (JSS); 7, Dixon (Lee Co), 2 Feb (EWW); 6, Volo Bog SNA (Lake Co), 31 Jan (SDB); 6, St. Charles (Kane Co), 1 Feb (MBn); 6, Cordova Twp (Rock Island Co), 9 Feb (MJB); 5, Lost Mound NWR (Carroll Co), throughout Jan (DGW); 5, Fox River Grove (McHenry Co), 5 Feb (DBJ, APS); 5, no. Ogle Co, 15 Feb (DBJ, APS, KL); 4, Kinnikinnick Creek CA (Boone Co), 14 Feb (ABA); 4, Cuba Marsh FP (Lake Co), 30 Jan (SDB); 4, Northbrook (Cook Co), 2 Feb (AR); 4, Streator (LaSalle Co), 6 Feb (fide GAW); 3, Elburn (Kane Co), 21 Jan (PMr); 3, Elmhurst Cemetery, Joliet (Will Co), 4 Feb (fide GAW); 1-3, Morris (Grundy Co), 15 Jan - 4 Feb (JDh); 3, Allerton P (Piatt Co), 24 Jan (GSL); "several", Galena (Jo Daviess Co), 16 Feb (MJB, APS); 2, Highland Park (residence) (Lake Co), 11 Feb (DRD); 2, Lombard (DuPage Co), 16 Feb (CKy); 2, Northfield (Cook Co), 1 Feb (SG); 2, L Shabbona SP (De Kalb Co), 1 Feb (DJS); 2, Eureka (Woodford Co), 25 Jan (MJW); 2, Vance Twp (Vermilion Co), 27 Jan (JSh); 2, Jacksonville (Morgan Co), 10 Jan (TWd); 2, **Carl.L**, 25 Jan (*MSS); Algonquin (McHenry Co), 16-21 Feb (TS ph); Pistakee Bog (Lake Co), 1 Feb (SDB); "a few at feeder", Elgin (Kane Co), 21-30 Jan (DWr); Warrenville (Du Page Co), 13 Feb (MBl); male, Berwyn (Cook Co), 2 Feb (GN); Westchester (Cook Co), 22-28 Jan (DFS); Oak Run (Knox Co), 1 Feb (MJB); male, Kank., 20 Jan (JBH); female, Kank., 24 Jan (*JBH). Widespread in very good numbers over n. half of IL (plus one record from s. IL), with likely the largest winter population recorded in the history of Illinois's ornithological publications. Numerous other reports of 1-2 birds or sightings with no numbers mentioned.

HOARY REDPOLL

Female, Chicago Botanic Garden (Cook Co), 24 Jan-28 Feb (AFS, AB ph, SDB, m.ob); male, Wheaton (DuPage Co), 21-22 Feb (VM ph, PM); Merwin NP (McLean Co) 25-30 Jan. (TB ph, MEF, m.ob.). Other records await IORC vote including male, Chicago Botanic Garden (Cook Co), 14 Feb; male, Morton Arboretum (DuPage Co), 22 Feb; Ogle Co, 8 Feb; female, **Champaign Co**, 15 Feb. The most records for this species ever reported in Illinois in one season.

Pine Siskin

MC: **302**, Morton Arboretum CBC, Lisle (Will, Cook, & Du Page Co), 14 Dec (GAW, m.ob), w/**104** at the arboretum, 22 Feb (DFS);

Pine Siskin. Cook County. 1 February 2009. Photo by Paul Dacko.

75, Chicago Botanic Garden (Cook Co), 1 Feb (BD, RC, JRS); 68, Clin. L, 27 Dec (fide RLJ, m.ob.); 66, Downers Grove (Du Page Co), 7 Jan (REF, KDF); 36, Westchester (Cook Co), 28 Jan (DFS); 25, Allerton P (Piatt Co), 23 Jan (SDB); 25, Forestry, Urb., 22 Jan (SDB); 16, Carl.L, 15 Dec (DMK); 8, Belleville (St. Clair Co), 1 Feb (DMK, MSS). **Others:** 40, L Shabbona SP (De Kalb Co), 1 Feb (DJS); 38, Pomona (Jackson Co), 17 Jan (RMR); 36, Westchester (Cook Co), 28 Jan (DFS); 35 & 30, Mundelein (Lake Co), 9 Dec & 25 Jan resp, w/small numbers thru period (SDB, SLD); 30, Rockfd, 1 & 13 Feb (DBJ & DTW, BCW resp); 30, Libertyville (Lake Co), 27 Jan (JOS), present for several weeks; 30, L Argyle SP (McDonough Co), 30 Dec (UWG); 28, Loud Thunder FP (Rock Island Co), 2 Jan (KJM, SV, MJR); 27, Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co), 1 Feb (EWW); 26, Belvidere (Boone Co), 14 Dec (DTW); 26, Monee (Will Co), 4 Jan (ABA); 18, Merwin P (McLean Co), 25 Jan (MEF); 17, Elburn FP (Kane Co), 15 Feb (DFS); 15, Mundelein (St. Marys Seminary) (Lake Co), 19 Jan, w/small numbers thru period (SDB, SLD); 15, Heller NC, Highland Park (Lake Co), 23 Jan (JSS); 15, Wheaton (Du Page Co), 14-15 & 21 Feb (JVM, PM);15, Lowell P NC (Lee Co), 15 Feb (DBJ, APS, KL); 15, Sand Rdg, 30 Dec (CAT); 15, Rock Springs Center (Macon Co), 1 Feb (TAM); 14, Freeport (Stephenson Co), 23 Feb (EWW); 13, Charleston (Coles Co), 26 Feb (LBH); 12, cemetery, Prophetstown (Whiteside Co), 15 Feb (DBJ, APS, KL); 10, Galena (Jo Daviess Co), 23 Feb (EWW); 10, Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co), 2 & 7 Feb (JBH, CAT, TLK); 9, Kinnikinnick Creek CA (Boone Co), 14 Feb (ABA); 9, Dixon (Lee Co), 2 Feb (EWW); 9, Princeton (Bureau Co), 1 Feb (EWW); 8, Woodlawn Cemetery, Urb., 29 Jan – 4 Feb (SDB, BH); 8, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 7, no. Vermilion Co, 1 Jan (SDB, SLD); 5, Grant Woods FP (Lake Co), 24 Jan (JSS); 5, Lakewood FP (Lake Co), 18 Jan (SDB, SLD); 5, Wauconda Bog NP (Lake Co), 1 Feb (SDB); 5, De Soto (Jackson Co), 13 Dec (KAM); "several", Urb. (residential area, feeding in sweet gums w/goldfinches), 11 Feb (SDB); 3, Wabash Co, 8 Dec (RES); 3, Rend L, 20 Dec (CAT, TLK); "nice flock", Starved Rock SP (LaSalle Co), 5 Jan (MJB, APS); 2, Stickney Run FP (McHenry Co), 25 Jan (SDB, SLD); 2, Clin L, 4 Feb (MEF); "present", Mt. Carroll (Carroll Co), 16 Feb (MJB, APS); "a few" (feeding on sweet gum seedballs & hemlock cones), Woodlawn Cemetery, all winter (SDB, m.ob.). Exceptionally widespread in low to moderate numbers throughout the state, especially near conifers. A large number of other reports mentioned small to "good" numbers in flocks at numerous other locations, as well as birds at a large number of private residential feeding stations statewide.

American Goldfinch

MC: **648** (mostly in planted sunflower seed fields), Sam Parr FWA (Jasper Co), 22 Dec (SDB, MPW); **410**, Morton Arboretum CBC, Lisle (Will, Cook, & Du Page Co), 14 Dec (GAW, m.ob); 247,

European Goldfinch, Algonquin, McHenry County. 18 February 2009. Photo by Teresa Spence.

Monroe Co, 14 Dec (CCD, PPD); 120, Carl.L, 13 Dec (DMK, MSS); 90, Gurnee (Lake Co), 27 Feb (JSS); 84, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 17 Dec (SDB); 80, QC, 14 Dec (KR, CR, m.ob.); 76, Union Co, 29 Dec (SDB, PM); 75, Iroquois Co CA (Iroquois Co), 25 Feb (JBH); 70, LShel., 3 Jan (DMK, MSS); 65, Rock Island Co, 2 Jan (KJM, SV, MJR, m.ob.); 64, Mercer Co, 23 Dec (TM, WZ, m.ob.); 55, Rend L, 20 Dec (DMK); 55, Pomona (Jackson Co), 17 Jan (RMR); 30, Boone Co, 19 Dec (AEB); 30, Volo Bog SNA 9Lake Co), 31 Jan (SDB); 30, Westchester (Cook Co), 28 Jan (DFS); 30, Mackinaw Bluffs, 9 Feb (MEF); 30, Woodlawn Cemetery, Urb., 29 Jan (SDB, BH).

House Sparrow

MC: 754, Mercer Co, 23 Dec (CM, JMo, m.ob.); 652, Rock Island Co, 2 Jan (KJM, SV, MJR, m.ob.); 600, Carl.L, 13 Dec (DMK, MSS); 580, Kank., 31 Jan (JBH); 464, QC, 14 Dec (TM, BL, m.ob.); 314, Champaign Co, 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 240, LCal, 3 Feb (DFS); 205, Putnam Co, 14 Dec (DFS); 200, Bureau Co, 17 Feb (DFS); 112, Shelby Co, 3 Jan (CAT, TLK); 58, Rend L, 20 Dec (KAM, MSS); 40, HL, 30 Dec (DMK, MSS); 40, Fayetteville (St. Clair Co), 2 Jan (DMK, MSS).

Eurasian Tree Sparrow

MC: 603, Mercer Co, 23 Dec (WAB, m.ob.); 234, Rock Island Co, 2 Jan (CM, JMo, m.ob.); 119, Brown, Morgan, Pike, Scott Cos, 16 Dec (TWd, m.ob.); 100, Sand Rdg, 19 Jan (KAM); 83, McDonough & Fulton Cos, 28 Dec (LLH); 33, Whiteside & Rock Island Cos, 22 Dec (*EAA, JH, RBg, *KJM); 23, Nauvoo (Hancock Co), 5 Dec (AGD); 21, Warren Co, 25 Jan (CAT); 18, Galesburg Twp (Knox Co), 20 Feb (JSy); 17, Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co), 1 Feb (EWW); 10, Table Grove (Fulton Co), 19 Jan (KAM); 4, Putnam Co, 14 Dec (DFS). **Others:** HL, 20 Dec & 2 Jan (FRH, DMK, MSS); La Moille (Bureau Co), 29-30 Dec (MAM); Colchester (McDonough Co), 2 Feb (MJB). Continued increases in n. half of w. IL, but virtually unreported elsewhere.

Exotic/Released Species

European Goldfinch

Algonquin (McHenry Co), 16-21 Feb (TS ph).

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